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SOVIET VISIT TO GAIMUSHO

Tokyo, To-day.
The Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo yesterday had a two-hour conversation with the Deputy Foreign Minister.
Nothing has been revealed of the subject of the talks.—Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET BORDER INCIDENT: NEW FACTS

Tokyo, To-day.
Miss Yoshiko Okada, the popular actress, and Mr. Rjokichi Sugimoto, theatrical producer and actor, who "smuggled" themselves into Soviet territory by a spectacular dash across the Saganien border early in January, are believed to be under detention.

According to new information on the case received in Tokyo yesterday afternoon, they are being held at Vladivostok.

The pair, whose disappearance caused a sensation in dramatic circles in Tokyo, are believed to have been taken into custody by the Soviet authorities and subjected to a strict examination.

It is understood that the Foreign Office, which had previously taken cognizance of the case, has instructed Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, to negotiate with the Soviet authorities for the release of the couple.—Reuter.

PEIPING-HANKOW DRIVE HALTED BY CHINESE

Hankow, To-day.
The offensive started by Japanese troops from Taining, east of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, in a southerly direction towards the Yellow River two days ago, is described by Chinese military circles here as the resumption of large

Pro-Japanese Warning Notices

Shanghai, To-day.
Terrorism had a free hand in Shanghai last night when in addition to the outrages already mentioned, the decapitated head of another Chinese male was found in the French Concession shortly after 11.15 p.m.

The head was discovered by a group of Russian girls near the Arcadia night club, whence they were going home. Their attention was attracted by what appeared to be a man buried in the pavement to the neck. Closer examination revealed that it was the head of a young Chinese about 25.

The girls screamed and a newspaper correspondent who was driving by stopped to investigate. Examination of the head revealed that decapitation was comparatively recent. The head had been severed from the body from below the ears and carefully placed on the pavement immediately under an electric light post, on which was pasted a notice in Chinese saying "This man lost his head due to his anti-Japanese activities, and his fate should serve as a warning to others."

UNKNOWN IDENTITY

French police took the head to the Central Station, hoping to determine the man's identity, which however is still not established.

It is believed the head was brought to the spot in an automobile and carefully placed where it could easily be seen.

A third head, of an unidentified Chinese male, was found this morning in the French Concession in front of the residence of Major Hagen, assistant United States naval attache.

Above the head, pasted on a telephone pole, was a notice similar to that found near the head outside the Arcadia Cabaret last night.—Reuter.

scale operations on this front, which for some time has enjoyed comparative quiet.

In consequence of stiff Chinese resistance, it is claimed here that the enemy advance has been stopped.

Several divisions are on the way from Shansi to Tsingfeng as reinforcements.—Trans-Ocean.

BOMBS THROWN INTO EVENING POST BUILDING

Shanghai, To-day.
Another incident involving the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury" occurred at 5 o'clock this morning when two men riding bicycles, each threw hand grenades into the building, which also houses the United Press and Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, editor and publisher of "Oriental Affairs."

After throwing the grenades, which were of the potato-masher type, the two men were caught by Settlement police at the corner of Canton and Szechuan Roads, a few hundred yards from the "Post" building.

The perpetrators of the outrage, looking little better than the coolie class, were handed over to the French police, who refuse to divulge information at present.

The bombing injured nobody and did only very little damage, save for broken glass in the revolving door at the entrance to the building.—Reuter. (See Page Six)

CHINA WAR COMPARED WITH GREAT WAR

Shanghai, To-day.
An interesting comparison between the Sino-Japanese conflict and the first six months of the Great War is made by a European military observer.

He says that Sino-Japanese hostilities are more brutal than world war practice. The fact that the Chinese and Japanese do not take prisoners has contributed very appreciably to the number of casualties, while it is common for both to ignore the enemy's wounded, which was not the case in the early stages of the Great War.

During the first six months of the present conflict, Japan had probably used more artillery in China than England was able to put into

the field during the corresponding period of the Great War.

INTENSITY OF COMBAT
He also intimated that Japan had put a larger number of men into the field in China than England sent to the Continent in the first six months of the war.

Military operations in China had been, on the whole, rather less intensive than in France, although several drives could be compared in intensity with the great battle during the early part of the Great War.—Reuter.

Restiveness Of German Army Officers In Pomerania

Berlin, To-day.
Nazi circles do not expect anything in the nature of a revolt or unrest, though it is admitted that there is some restiveness among old army officers, especially in such districts as Pomerania or East Prussia, where they are brought up in the tradition of the old army. The Nazis, however, deny there has been any trouble.

It is gathered, however, that a certain weeding out of officers will occur in the course of time. These are officers unsympathetic to the new regime.

It is pointed out that the army was built up very hurriedly and that many officers were brought back who were steeped in the old traditions.—Reuter.

Broadening One's Colour Range

Play With The Rainbow

Most of us under-estimate our power to wear a variety of colours. We decide that a certain hue is becoming and wear it almost to the exclusion of other hues. This habit deprives us of quite a lot of fun, for it is amusing to play with the rainbow.

Brown, for example, is worn very monotonously by some women who have dark brown hair and dark, not very clear, skins. The idea seems to be to justify the lack of brilliance in their natural colouring by costumes that are sombre, also, and which, instead of stressing the complexion through contrast, will play it down by repetition.

However, the result is not always fortunate. The observer is apt to be depressed by such extensive areas of dull colour. Moreover, the brown fabric often exaggerates the brownness of the skin instead of mitigating it.

Blossom Forth

But, contrary to her too humble judgment, the woman with this somewhat monotonous brunette colouring will blossom in certain shades of blue—navy, perhaps, or royal. She should, however, select them in dull-surfaced fabrics, for probably she could not wear lustrous blues. Black she may have to adapt to her type a little more carefully; but it is likely to suit her admirably when accented with beige or sapphire.

This habit of adopting one colour, almost like a uniform, sometimes is motivated not by a defeat to be overcome but by a beauty to be emphasized. For instance, it is not unusual for women with very beautiful blue eyes to match them in fabrics. The effect is invariably becoming, but, nevertheless, it may become monotonous. It can even seem a little boastful of a fine feature if it is too insistently indulged in. After all, blue eyes are still lovely against other and contrasted backgrounds. Pink can play them up as effectively as blue; gray and beige give them sparkle. With white they may be as luminous as a blue sky over snow fields.

Green Eyes

Green eyes, though never much sung by the poets, have been appreciated by dress designers, and very lately have been extolled by M. Lelong. They are usually blue eyes liberally flecked with green, and when their owners prefer blue eyes, they like to dress in blue to stress that colour and subdue the green. It is far cleverer to accentuate them with green fabrics and thus individualize your style.

There used to be a prejudice

against certain colours on people with red hair, but we are coming to understand how gorgeous this colouring is with many once-forbidden hues. Of course, no hair is really red; it is carrot, or copper, or russet, or titian, but not red. The general effect any special shade conveys is enormously modified by the skin and eyes that accompany it, so one would have to write at great length in order to lay down rules, but the writer knows a girl when brilliant carrot-coloured hair and blue eyes who is marvellous in pink. "Red" hair should be played up, not down. Blues and greens, mahogany and rust, black, gray and white create luminous effects.

Blondes And Yellow

It is frequently stated that blondes should not wear yellow. This theory, however, is contrary to fact, and the creative designers of costumes have always known the value of yellow with this colouring. Worth once said, "What is so beautiful as blondes in sunshine! Therefore, I love to dress them in yellow." In this case it is the lustrous fabrics, such as satin, which are particularly enchanting. Of course there are blondes and blondes and the sallow skin may rebel against yellow, but the clear, creamy blonde with honey-coloured hair is never lovelier than "in sunshine."

The pure blonde gives distinction to brown and to the light, clear yellow-reds.

On the contrary, most brunettes need the blue-reds and in dark shades. Red is such an assertive colour that when it is not becoming it is actually unpleasant. It should, therefore, be very carefully selected by experiments in front of a mirror.

Finding The Right Shade

Navy and dark greens are beautiful on brown-red brunettes with skins somewhat blonder than their eyes and hair. Gray and black also suit their colouring. Purple, on the other hand, is usually more becoming to a darker complexion.

The pastels belong pre-eminently but not exclusively to blondes. The brunette in pink is often as lovely as a dream. Pale blue, pale green and mauve, however, are not so likely to suit her fair sister. However, there exists for every type of colouring, some shade or tone or chroma of every hue. And furthermore, colours that are not becoming in one fabric may prove to be so in a fabric with a different texture and therefore a different reflective surface. This means that everyone can wear every colour if she finds the right shade, the right intensity and the right colour-reflective surface.

SCARVES GO GAY

THE NEWEST HAS "PEACE" FOR A MOTIF



Neckwear grows gayer and gayer. Striped folkweave and printed velveteen are among the newest media for the fashionable cravat. Our sketch shows a novel scarf the motif of which was inspired by the Peace Tower at the recent International Exhibition in Paris. It is inscribed "Peace" in 23 different languages. Evening scarves are embroidered in iridescent beads or sequins, while hand painted chiffon and printed nion are in the news again. For day wear and with sports suits silk scarves printed in animal motifs are very popular. You can have your favourite dog, the domestic cat or fox masks, according to taste.

A Tasty Mid-Week Dish

In between two meat days it is good for you to have a fish day.

SAVOURY FISH PUDDING

Half-pound cooked fish, one egg yolk, 2oz. grated cheese, one salt-spoon made mustard, pinch of grated nutmeg, one cup white sauce, ½oz. butter, 1lb. mashed potatoes, hot milk to taste, half-teaspoon minced parsley, salt and pepper to taste.

Mash potatoes while hot, then beat in hot milk to taste.

Stir in 1oz. cheese, mustard, egg yolk and salt and pepper to taste. Beat well. Butter a shallow fire-proof dish and line smoothly with two-thirds of the potato mixture.

Flavour sauce to taste with nutmeg. Flake and stir in fish. Pour into dish. Cover with remainder of potato mixture. Sprinkle with remainder of cheese. Dab with the butter. Bake from twenty-five to thirty minutes in a rather hot oven.

Note.—This pudding is also delicious made with tinned salmon or Finnan haddock, brought to the boil in cold water, skinned, boned and flaked.

CORNISH PASTIES

1lb. flour, ½lb. suet, sour milk or water, ¼lb. potatoes, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, ¼lb. lard, ½ tea-spoonful salt, ½lb. steak, 1 peeled onion, 1 tablespoonful water or stock, salt and pepper to taste.

Chop beef, onion and potatoes.

Place in a basin. Season to taste with pepper and salt. Stir in the water or stock. Sift flour with baking powder and the half-teaspoonful of salt. Rub in lard. Stir in suet. Mix to a paste with sour milk or water. Remove to floured pastry board. Roll out to ¼in. thickness. Cut into fairly large rounds, about 4in. in diameter. Place a tablespoonful of the mixture in the centre of each. Brush edges with cold water or beaten egg. Either fold each into a semi-circle, and crimp the cut edges with forefinger and thumb, or draw edges together on top of filling, and crimp across the top. If folded in a semi-circle, cut a slit in the centre of each pastry to allow the steam to escape. If crimped over the top, prick with a fork on both sides. If liked, leave a slight opening in the centre to allow steam to escape. Brush pasties with beaten egg. Place on a greased baking tin. Bake in a hot oven.

New Style In Your Bedwear

NIGHTIES BACK TO VICTORIA

Woollen nighties complete with long sleeves and high necks are no longer old fashioned.

They rank among fashion's latest whims. After all, why should we freeze in silk nighties on winter nights when we can buy the most attractive, dainty, warm ones?

Once upon a time they were made in heavy flannel and were associated with the "red flannel petticoat" members of our sex, but now they are made in the very finest, softest wools, dyed to dainty feminine colours.

Wool lace makes really charming nighties.

You can get it in delightful shell patterns, and it looks so flimsy and feels so lovely next to the skin that once you try it I am sure you won't revert to silk or satin until the warm nights come round again.

Another idea, if you are a pyjama wearer, is to have the trouser part made of plain wool and the top in wool lace.

You can, of course, have square neck and short sleeves, but I like the really Victorian-looking ones, with their little Peter Pan collars and long sleeves gathered into cuffs.

Do You Like Flans?

You need not wait until Christmas to enjoy mincemeat. And remember there are other mincemeat dishes besides mincepies. For instance, this one is delicious.

MINCEMEAT FLAN
5oz. self-raising flour, 2½oz. butter, 2½oz. granulated sugar, ½lb. Robertson's mincemeat, one egg, two tablespoonfuls milk, cherries and almonds.

Method: Melt butter, then add sugar and egg; beat well together; add other ingredients and mix to a sponge consistency.

Place in well-greased flan tin and bake twenty minutes, then fill with warm mincemeat and decorate with almonds and cherries.

Learn Dancing With Me:

The Popular Quick Step By Santos Casani

(Famous Teacher of Dancing)

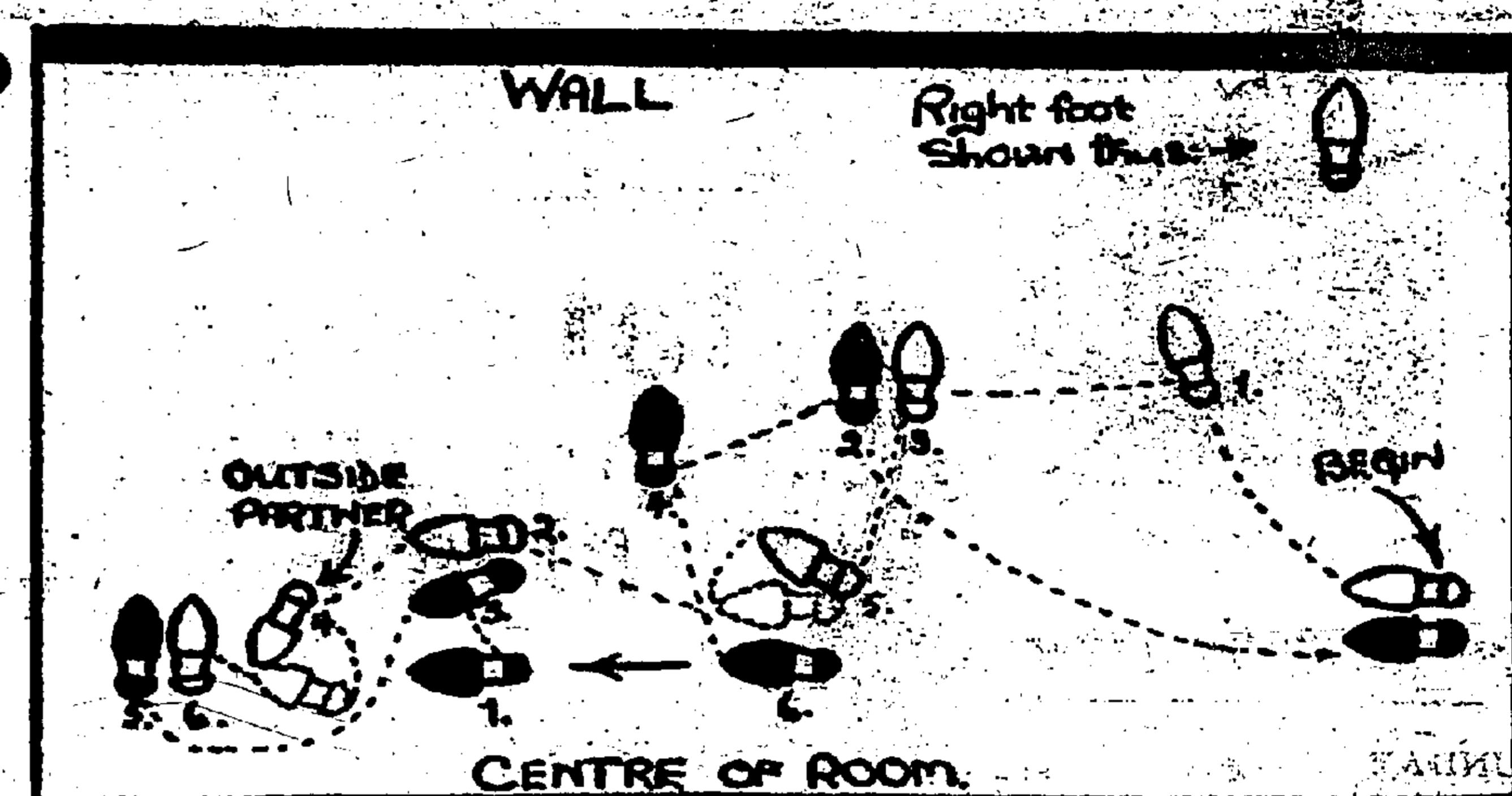
Now let me teach you the Quick Step! This is the most popular dance in the country. More Quick Steps are danced than all the other dances put together.

Quickstep music is written in 4-4 (common time), and should be played at a speed of 48 to 52 bars per minute. Normally your band plays three choruses of a tune taking approximately 2 minutes. The dance is full of life and movement, the latter is natural and graceful. The dance is composed of Slow steps which take 2 beats of music, one minim; and Quick steps which take one beat of music, one crochet.

The Chasse! Is timed Quick, Quick, Slow; taking 4 beats or one bar of music. The Slow steps are really walking steps, and the Quick steps may be likened to running steps. From this simple explanation it is easy to frame a general rule for the basic movements: that our Slow or walking steps will be taken on our heels and our Quick or running steps on our toes. Remember the transference from a walk into a run must not be abrupt.

Remember These Movements. Preceding a running step, taking a walking step on your heel, lower to the flat of the foot and continue the forward movement, then rise on the ball of the foot as you commence to take the next step. This movement will give a gentle rise and fall throughout the dance, you will agree, as you master it it is fascinating. **Don't Forget this Rule.** Never let your foot come off the floor; you may be down on the flat foot or up on the toe but some part of the foot must always retain contact with the floor. If absolute smoothness is to be obtained this rule is essential and simply must be mastered. If you lift a foot you only have to put it down again, which means that you develop a bumpy movement. Try to imagine you are dancing on ice, and it will soon rid you of any awkward movement and your dancing should soon become a smooth glide. **The Quarter Turns.** Consist of two halves, the first during which you turn approximately a quarter of a turn to the right, and the second during which you turn approximately a quarter of a turn to the left. Start facing your Line of Dance, (Anti-clock wise round the room).

1. Step forward on the Right foot, on the flat foot turning to the Right. Count Slow, 2 beats.
2. Step to the side on the ball of the Left foot, now facing the Right hand wall. Count Quick, 1 beat.
3. Close the Right foot to the Left foot on ball of foot. Count Quick, 1 beat.
4. Short step to the side and an inch or two back on the Left foot lowering gently on to the heel. Count Slow, 2 beats.



5. Step back on the Right foot slightly leftwards. Count Slow, 2 beats.
6. Close Left foot to Right foot turning on the Right heel to Left. Count Quick, 1 beat.
7. Hesitate in same position. Count Quick, 1 beat.
8. Forward on the Left foot on the flat foot. Count Slow, 2 beats.

On steps 6 and 7 when the man's feet are together, the girl steps sideways to the Right with her Right foot and then closes her Left foot to her Right foot. This is necessary as she is covering more ground than the man at this point. Otherwise the girl's steps are exactly the reverse of the man's.

The Cross Chasse! This is danced from the last position using the last step (forward on the Left foot) as the first step of the Cross Chasse.

2. Take a short step to the side on the ball of the Right foot. Count Quick, 1 beat.
3. Close the Left foot to the Right foot. Count Quick, 1 beat.
4. Forward on the flat of the Right foot outside your partner on her Right side. Count Slow, 2 beats. Use this last step as the first step of the Quarter Turns, and now repeat the whole movement.

Next time I will give you the rest of the basic steps in this dance.

Till next time then. Don't forget to practice these movements as all the steps in the dance are based on them. 'If you can do the Quarter Turns well you can dance well' is a very good motto for beginners and not a bad one for advanced dancers either.

If you are in any doubt on any point, write to me c/o the Editor of this Journal, enclosing stamped addressed envelope.

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Creating An Impression

Here is an unusual dish for special visitors you want to impress!

BOW BELLS PIE

6oz. ox tongue, 2 hard-boiled eggs, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. flaky pastry, $\frac{3}{4}$ gill stock, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. butter, 1 teaspoon French mustard, 2 tablespoons tomato catsup, 1 sliced onion, 2 teaspoons parsley, 6oz. boiled ham.

Melt butter in a frying pan and fry onion till transparent. Put ham and tongue through a mincer, then stir in stock, mustard, parsley and catsup.

Place in a buttered pie dish. Cover with sliced eggs and fried onion, then with pastry.

Make a hole in the centre with a knife. Bake in a hot oven for half hour. Enough for five persons.

A recent survey shows that the No. 7 shoe is now the average size for women, whereas several years ago it was No. 4. And there are still those who say that woman's success has gone to their heads.

HOLLYWOOD BEAUTY BRIEFS

Irene Dunne, when she takes her end-of-the-day tub, covers her face with cream because she finds the steam opens the pores and permits the cream to penetrate. There is a supply of tissues handy to remove excess cream while bathing. Irene is also enthusiastic about the wash cloths made like mitts which French women use. A supply to fit your own hands can easily be made of soft terry-cloth.

Constance Bennett says her tapering fingertips are the result of a daily massage in warm oil. The oil softens the cuticle, and while in this pliable state, the fingertips can be coaxed into slenderness by stroking lengthwise at the sides of the nails.

Joan Crawford has discarded all her pumps and slippers and now wears only open-toed sandals, ranging from flat heels to very high. Joan favours rust toned polish for her pedicure, or matches toenails to fingernails in a vivid hue for evening.

Ann Dvorak believes any girl can brush her way to beauty and uses a dozen brushes daily to prove it. There is a hairbrush for those fifty valuable strokes night and morning. A tiny stiff brush for brushing the lashes up and down for a minute or two before applying make-up, to keep them smooth and glossy. A complexion brush and fingernail brush to keep skin and nails immaculate, and a soft rabbit's hair brush to sweep away extra powder after makeup is applied. And, of course, the tooth brushes which she uses several times a day, in addition to special clothes brushes for hats, furs and suede.

Glenda Farrell has a new idea about wielding the eyebrow pencil. Everyone should have two, says Glenda, a black one and a brown one and instead of being pointed they should be narrow and blunt at the ends. The brown one is used to outline the brow first and then the black. Blondes should let the brown tone predominate and vice versa.

How To Keep In Good Form

Proficiency at games, success in the everyday walks of life, mainly depend upon good health, to ensure which the first essential is to be regular in the daily habit. When you are constipated, the accumulation of waste matter sets up poisons in the system which are absorbed into the blood with the result that you cannot feel well. You are a constant victim to such discomforts as liverishness, biliousness, flatulence, nausea, sick headache, blemished skin, offensive breath, and other similar ills.

To correct constipation, aid digestion and restore regularity, Pinkettes, the dainty little laxative pills, are just what is needed. They also help to relieve piles. Equally good for men and women, they are sold by all chemists.

brunettes should reverse the procedure.

Anne Shirley, too young for sophisticated eyeshadow, adds a touch of white vaseline or a drop of oil to her lids to give that luminous appearance.

Jeanette MacDonald is a firm believer in exercise to keep the eyes sparkling and strong. Every morning she puts her eyes through their paces of five times to the right, five times left, five times to the black. Blondes should let the brown tone predominate and vice versa.

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LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS

London, To-day.

In a Commons answer, the Prime Minister referred to the recent reported statement by Mr. Cordell Hull that whilst the United States were compelled, in a world in which the increasing

construction of armaments was a regrettable fact, to render adequate their military and naval establishments, they were ready at any time to join with other nations in a common effort to bring about the limitation or the general reduction of armaments by agreement.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain said: "I can assure the House that these are also the views of His Majesty's Government."—British Wire-

Sudden Downfall Of Goga Government In Rumania

Bucharest, To-day.

A series of sudden and unusual political developments led to resignation of the new Fascist Government of M. Octavian Goga yesterday evening.

The action came unexpectedly and the press and general public were taken completely by surprise.

King Carol received the president of the Liberal Party on Wednesday, and yesterday a number of other party leaders were summoned to a special audience at the Palace.

Events at the audience are being kept a strict secret, but rumours yesterday afternoon asserted that the Left Wing opposition were trying to bring about the fall of M. Goga and to replace him with a coalition group.

In the evening, a council of ministers was called, following which M. Goga visited the King. Shortly before seven o'clock it was announced officially that the Government had handed in its resignation.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW SOLUTION

Bucharest, To-day. Resignation of the Goga Cabinet was announced in special editions of all the papers.

The leader of the National Agrarian Party, M. Julius Maniu, declared following his audience with the King that a "new solution is being sought."

It is generally believed that a coalition government will be formed by the former Premier, M. Mironescu, who returned from Paris four days ago, and was immediately summoned to the Palace.—Trans-Ocean.

Bucharest, To-day. A new Government was formed by 11 o'clock last night.

COALITION CABINET

A communiqué states that former Premiers who had conferred with the King had accepted his Majesty's proposal that a coalition cabinet be formed under the Rumanian Orthodox Patriarch.

Some time to-day the official list of ministers will be issued.

It is definitely learned that M. Goga, the retiring Premier, will not be included in the new cabinet.

NEW CABINET

Bucharest, To-day. King Carol has accepted the resignation of M. Goga, and Jews throughout the country are rejoicing at the downfall of the Government.

The new Cabinet, formed with the Premier, M. Miron Christea Patriarch of the Orthodox Church, includes all the former Premier's cabinet except M. Goga and the National Peasant leader, M. Maniu, who did not agree to enter a combination described as a Ministry of National Concentration.

M. Tărescu, is Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

It is learned that Professor Guadis' choral group is giving an orchestral and vocal concert in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on Monday, February 21, at 9.15 p.m. The proceeds will be donated to the H.K. Chinese Women's Soldiers Relief Association.

TOKYO BUDGET THROUGH COMMITTEE

Tokyo, To-day.

Approval of the 2,880,000,000 yen National Budget Bill for the next fiscal year in its original form, was given yesterday afternoon by the budgetary committee of the House of Representatives.

The Bill will be voted upon at the plenary session of the Lower House on February 12 after which it will be sent to the House of Peers.

It was understood that the Budget measure providing for a special military appropriation of 4,500,000,000 yen to finance the hostilities in China, will be submitted to the Lower House about February 15.—Reuter.

JAPANESE INCREASE KIMMOI ISLAND FORCE

Canton, To-day.

According to reports received here from Amoy, several Japanese warships, including two transports are anchored off Kimmen Island, having arrived there early yesterday morning.

About 1,000 Japanese or Formosan troops landed on the Island, as an addition to the 300 who were already stationed there.

Twice on Thursday night Japanese planes raided Amoy, but the damage done is said to be of no importance.

—Our Own Correspondent.

FIRST MANCHUKUO MINISTER TO ROME

Tokyo, To-day.

The Manchukuo Government has officially announced the appointment of Mr. Hsu Shao-ching, formerly Mayor of Hsinking, as Minister to Rome.

Mr. Mishiro, director of Customs at Hsinking, has been appointed counsellor of the Legation at Rome.

Up to now, Manchukuo has had diplomatic representation only at Tokyo.—Trans-Ocean.

EYE-WITNESS REPORT OF SOVIET DIRIGIBLE SMASH: CRASHES INTO TREES

Moscow, To-day.

The first eye-witness report on the destruction of the Soviet dirigible on the trial flight to Murmansk last week, was officially published yesterday.

One of the surviving sub-commanders of the airship, reports that the airship entered dense fog and had to fly "blind."

The craft was flying at a speed of 100 kilometres an hour at a height of 300 to 400 metres but then ascended to 450 metres over hilly country.

Suddenly the pilot shouted "We are getting near mountains."

The second-in-command immediately operated the elevator in order to bring the airship higher but a few seconds later a scraping noise was heard and the airship crashed into some trees with a terrific explosion.

Within seconds the craft was enveloped in flames, in which almost all members of the crew perished.

The explosion was apparently caused by a short circuit in the electrical apparatus.—Trans-Ocean.

HUGE ARMIES MASSED ROUND HSUCHOW

Shanghai, To-day.

According to Japanese military reports here, the Chinese have increased their forces to over 400,000 regulars in the Hsuchow-fu area.

The Japanese military authorities, it was also stated, have also considerably increased their forces.

The military spokesman optimistically added, "In spite of the elaborate measures the Chinese have taken to defend Hsuchow, I believe we will reach their rear defence line within two weeks after the major battles starts."—Our Own Correspondent.

MEDICAL LAW IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney, To-day.

The differential treatment of German medical doctors in New South Wales will shortly be abolished, stated the Premier of New South Wales, Mr. B. S. B. Stephens, yesterday.

Mr. Stevens said that the Government intends to demand that Parliament amend the existing law regulating the exercise of the medical profession so that all doctors in New South Wales would be placed on a footing of complete equality.—Trans-Ocean.

DIPLOMATIC PROBLEM VIS-A-VIS ROME

The Hague, To-day.

The question of Netherlands diplomatic representation in Rome, is again being discussed by the press here.

Several papers say that the new Netherlands Minister to Rome will be accredited to the "King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia," which would amount to de facto recognition of the Italian Empire.

CULTURAL TIES TALKS IN TOKYO

Tokyo, To-day.

Strengthening of the cultural ties binding Japan and China, was discussed by representatives of 26 public organisations at a meeting sponsored by the Central Federation of Japanese Culture yesterday.

The bodies represented included the Japanese Broadcasting Association and the Toado Bunkai, which maintains Tung Wen College in Shanghai.—Reuter

No official statement, however, is so far forthcoming on the subject.

According to the Brussels correspondent of the Amsterdam "Telegraaf," informed quarters in the Belgian capital say that the Belgian Government has decided to accredit the new Belgian Minister to the "King-Emperor" in Rome.—Trans-Ocean.

Mysterious Steamers Appear In Butenko Case

Bucharest, To-day.

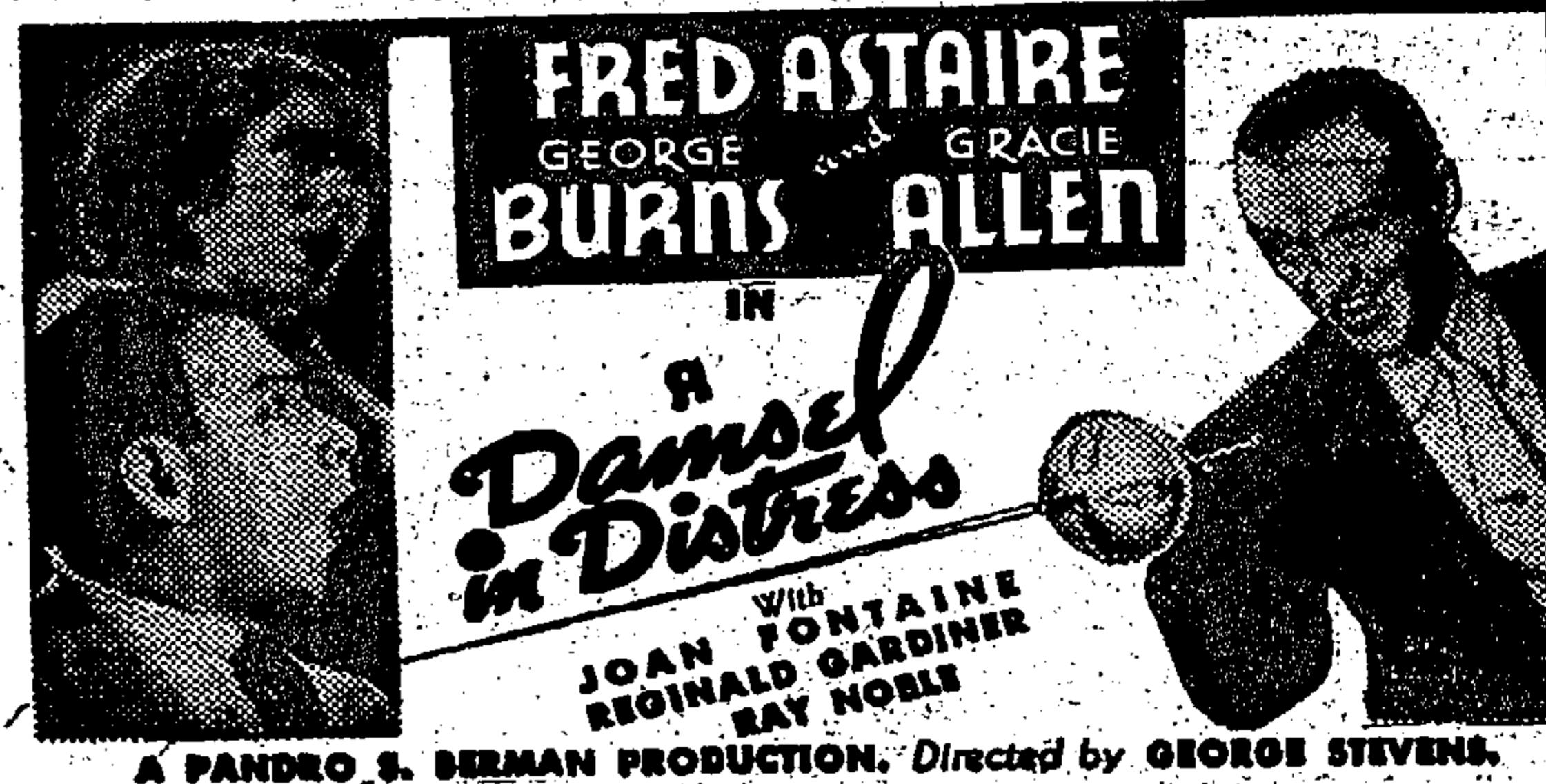
No trace of the vanished Soviet chargé d'affaires, M. Budenko, has yet been discovered.

The affair has resulted in practically every newspaper in Rumania putting forward a theory of some sort. Mysterious Russian steamers off the Rumanian Black Sea coast, sinister G.P.U. agents and espionage are all mentioned.—Trans-Ocean.

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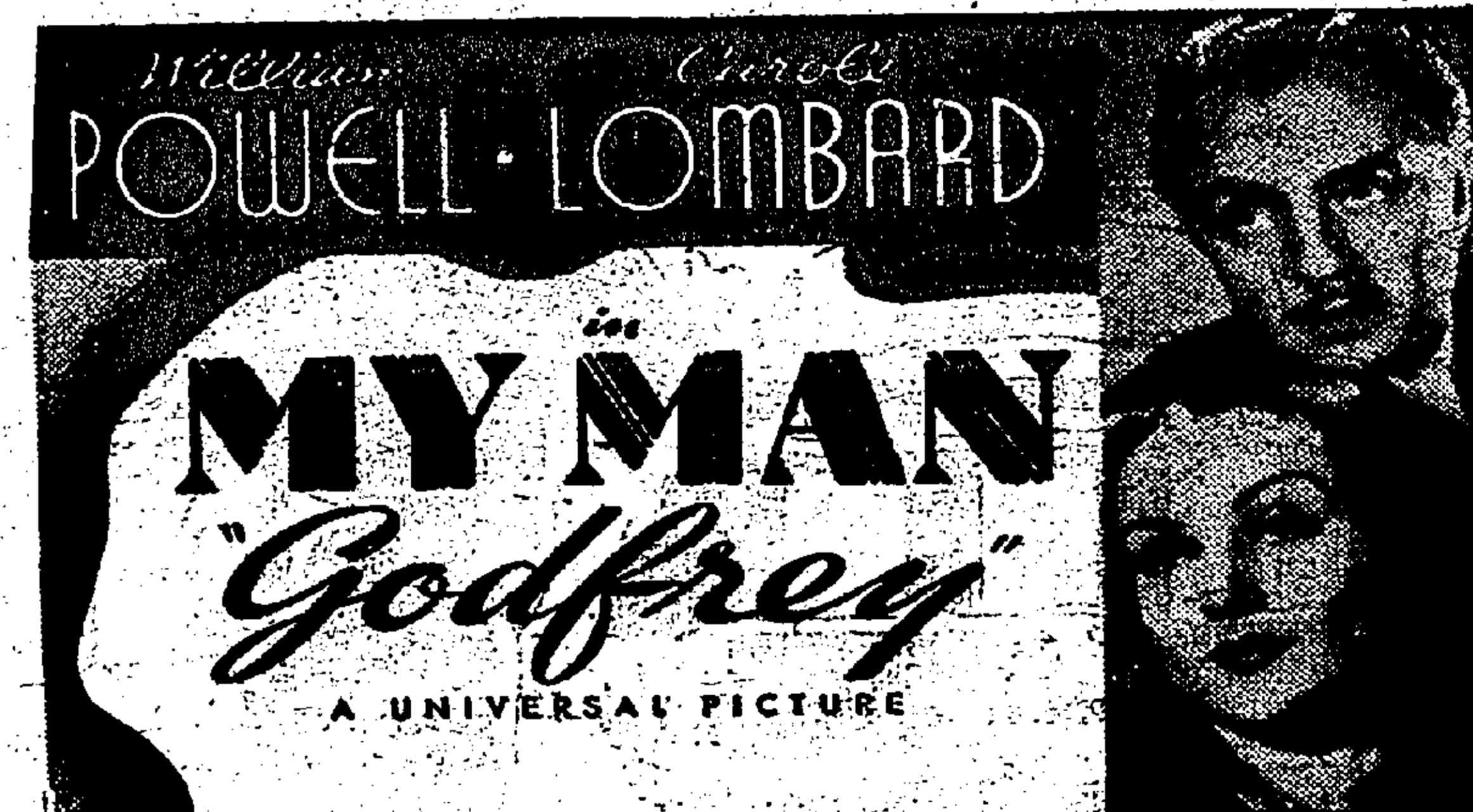
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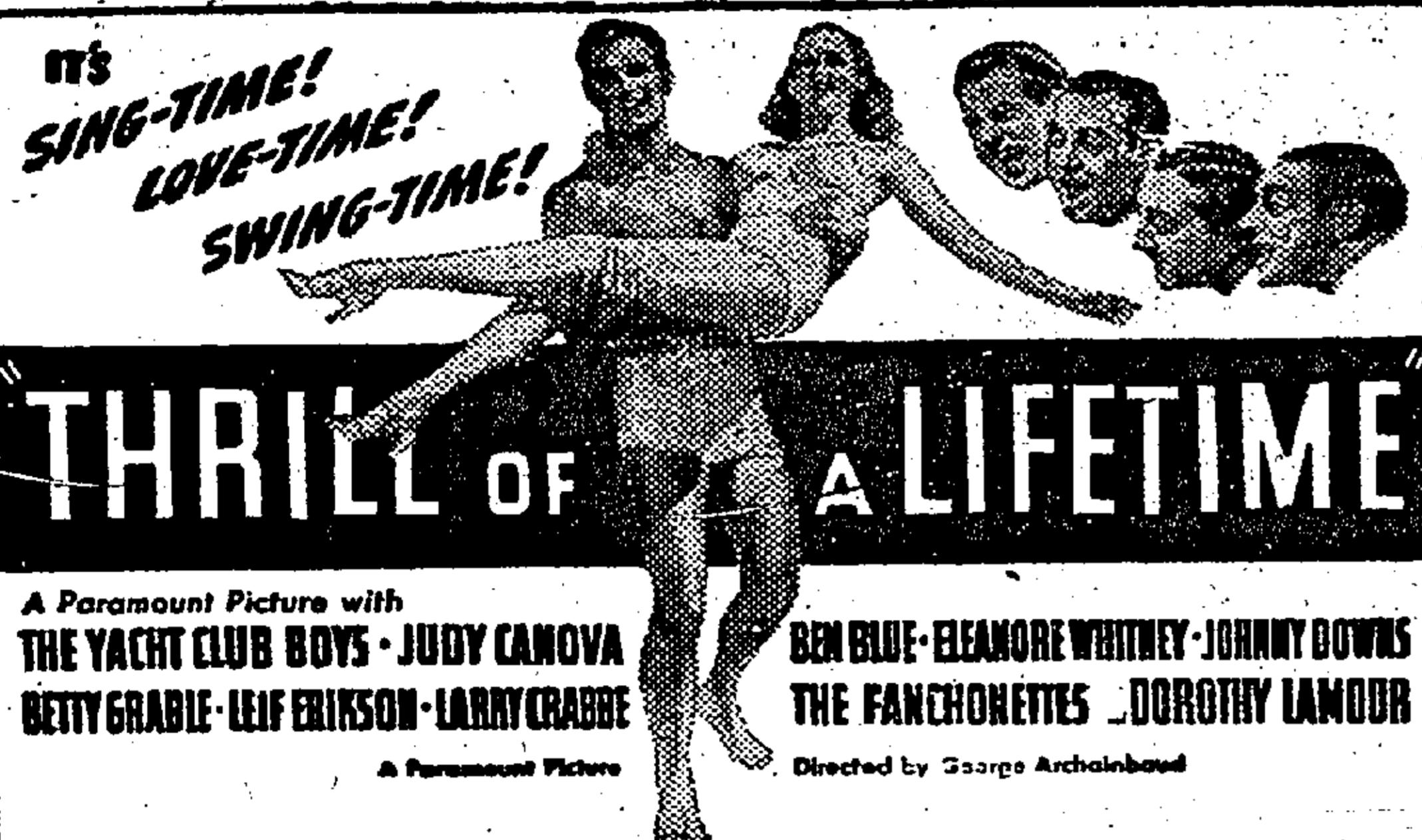
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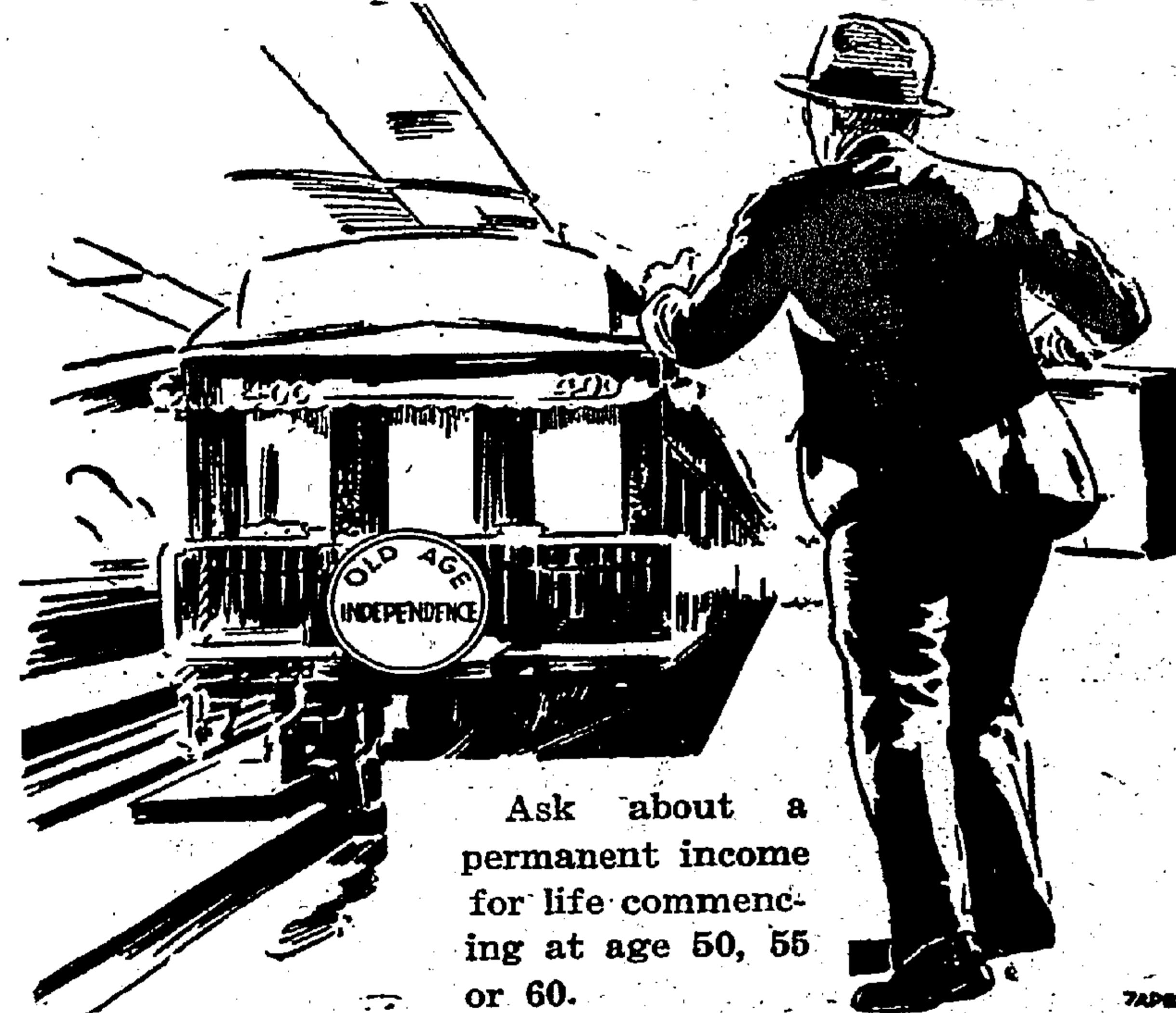
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All lecturers who have taken part in this course will be in attendance on this occasion for the purpose of answering questions arising out of the previous lectures.

PRO-JAPANESE TERRORIST GANG THREATENS EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS

Shanghai, To-day.

The attacks on the "Hwa Mei Pao" and the "Wen Wei Pao" confirm the suspected existence of a pro-Japanese gang of terrorists as brutal and ruthless in their methods as their anti-Japanese opposites.

Anyone considered responsible for publishing anything in the slightest nature of anti-Japanese, appears to be liable to victimisation.

Besides Mr. Hal P. Mills, American publisher of the former paper, and Mr. H. M. Cumine, British owner of the latter publication, a number of Chinese writers have also received threatening letters.

Among them is Mr. L. Z. Yuan, writer of a column of Chinoiserie in the American owned "Evening Post" and "Mercury," and Mr. Sammy Chang, editor of the Chinese edition of this newspaper and one time Director of Publicity at Nanking.

IDENTICAL THREAT

The authors of these anonymous communications style themselves the "Association of Truth" or the "Corps of Righteousness."

The letters received by Mr. Mills, Mr. Cumine, Mr. Yuan and Mr. Chang are couched in identical terms and says "the decapitated head of the published of the Social Evening News was found in the French Concession."

Attached to the head was a note of explanation which said "This shows what happens to persons working against the Japanese."

"This is known to all newspapers of Shanghai. We think that those who understand the situation will regard those responsible for the death of the publisher of the Social Evening News as heroes."

"OR ELSE"

"You are hereby warned to exercise special care in articles and editorials published in your newspaper, and if any anti-Japanese material is published, we shall be compelled to mete to you the same punishment we meted out to Mr. Tsai."

A bomb intended for Mr. Cumine was thrown into the business offices of the "Wei Wen Pao."

Police who arrived on the scene within a few minutes found furniture wrecked, the floor littered with glass and a Chinese who had been seriously injured, lying on the floor in a pool of blood.

NO POLITICS

Two other Chinese who were present at the time were injured, but their condition is not serious.

Mr. Cumine, who at one time was published of the now defunct "Shanghai Mercury" started publishing the Chinese paper only last month.

Both Mr. Mills and Mr. Cumine emphasise that they have no political affiliations and are publishing newspapers purely as a commercial venture.

ALL POTENTIAL TARGETS

The terrorists at first confined their attentions to Chinese, and extension of the field to Europeans and Americans makes practically every journalist here a potential target.

The French concession authorities

CRAIGAVON'S TRIUMPH: MR. DE VALERA'S COMMENT

Dublin, To-day.

Commenting on the result of the North Ireland elections, the Irish Free State Premier, Mr. de Valera, said that they were not surprised that the gerrymandering of the constituencies designed to stereotype misrepresentation should preserve the unassailable position of the dictatorship of the Craigavon sectarian party.

Lord Craigavon, he said, makes a mistake. As long as the nation endures, recovery of that part of Ulster which was wrongfully torn away, will be the first item in every Anglo-Irish conference, until it is finally wiped out.—Reuter.

STATE OF PARTIES

The state of the parties as the result of the Ulster General Election at seven o'clock last evening were:

Unionists 33,
Nationalists 8,
Labour 2,
Independent 1.

The net losses were for the nationalists one, the republicans, one, Fianna Fail, one. — British Wireless.

SWEEEPING VICTORY

London, To-day. Returns in the Northern Ireland election received by last evening indicate a sweeping victory for the Union Party which favours alliance with England.

Although the final returns have not yet been received, the Unionists thus far have gained 34 seats, the Independent Unionists 1 and the Nationalists and Labour Party 2.

Seven seats still remain to be decided.

The election is generally held to have eliminated the last hope of understanding between England and the Irish Free State, since Mr. de Valera has stressed union between Ulster and the South as condition for any understanding with London.

NO SURPRISE

The election could not have caused surprise in Dublin, since two-thirds of Ulster are opposed to union with the Free State, and it is believed that if a referendum were held, not more than 37 per cent. would vote in favour of such a proposal.—Trans-Ocean.

have issued a proclamation offering rewards for information leading to the arrest of the terrorists or their accomplices.—Reuter.

POLICE MIDNIGHT RAIDS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT

Uncovering Of Big Forgery Organisation

Three Women Included Among Sixteen Arrested

The organisation of a gang of forgers, whose activities extended into distant provinces in the interior of China and who operated on a large scale, was unearthed by the Hong Kong Police shortly after mid-night yesterday, when 16 persons, including three women, were arrested in three different houses during police raids in the central district.

Acting on information received through investigations which had been proceeding for some time, the Police, headed by European officers, carried out raids shortly after mid-night in Connaught Road Central, Wing Lok Street and Wellington Street.

It is stated that over 1,000 forged banknotes purporting to be notes of the Bank of Canton, and the Bank of Kwangsi, were found in the premises, which were also equipped with different machines and implements used in the manufacture of bank notes.

SMUGGLED BY AIR?

The police also seized documents, which, it is alleged, revealed that the activities of the gang extended far into the interior of China.

Several other articles, suggesting that the gang smuggled forged banknotes into the interior by air, were also discovered.

PRINCE BIRABONGSE'S WEDDING

London, To-day. Prince Birabongse of Siam attended his second marriage ceremony with Miss Beryl Heycock, according to English law, at Kensington Register Office yesterday.

The Prince married Miss Heycock, who is the only daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. P. R. Heycock, at the Siamese Legation on January 12.—Reuter.

Insurgents Gain Important Victory On Teruel Front

London, To-day. AFTER a week's fighting the insurgents have gained a big victory north of the Teruel front, where they have taken the mountain range which has been in the hands of the Government since the beginning of the civil war.

This strategic position had been a threat to insurgent communication with Saragossa and its capture now removes the menace isolating Saragossa from the outside world.

The insurgents claim the capture

“REFERENCE LIBRARIES” PROPOSED

Tokyo, To-day.

With the assistance of the Foreign Office, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and other major economic organisations, next April are opening a reference library in New York "to aid in the dissemination of correct information on Japan," Foreign Office officials have revealed.

Similar libraries are being established in the principal cities of the world later.

The announcement followed close on the heels of a letter from Yusaku Tsurumi, leader of the Minseito Party, who is sojourning in New York as a "goodwill envoy," urging the establishment of reference libraries abroad.

The project is supported by the Japanese Society for International Cultural Relations and other cultural societies.—Reuter.

RIBBENTROP— TAKES OVER

Berlin, To-day. Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, newly appointed Foreign Minister, assumed his post yesterday morning.

He was introduced to the staff of the Foreign Office by Baron von Neurath, whom he succeeds.—Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON CHANGSHA

Shanghai, To-day. Largest raid in yesterday's activities of the Japanese air force was on Changsha, capital of Hunan, important to the Central Government by reason of its ore deposits.

A squadron of Japanese planes on the way to Hupeh province was attacked in the air by Chinese machines, believed by the Japanese to be of Soviet manufacture.

The spokesman said he was not yet aware of the outcome of the encounter.—Trans-Ocean.

John Lee, a student, living at Morrison Hall, has reported the loss of a coat and book valued \$33 from the St. Joseph's Football Ground, at Happy Valley, while he was playing in a league game.

Twenty-one cases of smallpox were reported to the local Health Authorities in the last 24 hours. Sixteen were in Victoria, and 5 in Kowloon.

THREE MILLION IN U.S. LOSE THEIR JOBS

Washington, To-day. A supplementary appropriation of approximately £50,000,000 for relief expenditure to meet recent unemployment increases, is asked by President Roosevelt in a special message to Congress.

During the last three months, 3,000,000 persons have lost their jobs, said the President.

The new appropriations will be spent almost entirely in industrial centres, particularly the motor manufacturing cities, where it was recently estimated over 75 per cent. of workers are totally or partially unemployed.—Reuter.

TOKYO PLANS FOR WAR WOUNDED

Tokyo, To-day. Extensive plans for relief of officers and men wounded in the China war have been completed by the Ministry of Public Welfare with an appropriation of 6,000,000 yen.

The Ministry is establishing in Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya, schools to teach incapacitated soldiers useful trades.

Less seriously wounded officers and men will be given financial assistance on entering engineering and agricultural schools.—Reuter.

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This reminds me of the night the ceiling fell on Father.

To appreciate this story, you must understand that Father (my Father) was a man with a keen eye to the dramatic.

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great bales of straw on to the plot where the potatoes were planted to protect them from the frost.

But back to the ceiling.

It was long time ago, and we had recently moved into a new house. All very trim and neat. There were one or two small cracks in the bedroom ceiling—but nothing really noticeable—nothing to worry about.

The ceiling (all of it) decided to come adrift from its moorings at about half-past four one morning.

It sailed down in a great sheet. Father all unsuspecting, dreamed his dramatic dreams below.

I heard it land.

It was Niagara.

It was the Somme.

It was the father of all avalanches.

It was the End of the World.

With the roar of its impact still ringing in my ears. I rushed to his room.

I switched on the light.

It was as if the room was full of steam.

A white dust swirled lazily around.

You could hardly breathe.

There, buried in the middle of it all lay Father. His bed was piled mountains high with great slabs of plaster that looked as large as tombstones.

It seemed as if a bomb had gone off in a cement works.

I rushed over to him.

One eye peered out from the wreckage.

It roved around and saw the tremendous dramatic possibilities of the scene. The eye, which belonged to Father, took in the enormous spectacular chaos amidst which he was enthroned.

I shouted. "Are you hurt?"

There was a pause and then,

with deep sepulchral satisfaction, came the succinct reply:

"Yes, DANGEROUSLY!"

But I knew the old card too well, and I came back at him quick:

"Well, snap out of it and let's get this place cleaned up!"

Father, quite unhurt, saw that the tense drama of the situation was irrevocably broken.

He sighed, removed a seven-pound slab of plaster from his head and staggered to his feet.

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SINO-JAPANESE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS TALK REFUTED

General Chen Ming-Shu On Futility Of Surrender

ANTI-AGGRESSION LEAGUE MEETING IN HANKOW

Hankow, To-day.

All rumours of peace negotiations between China and Japan were indirectly refuted by Mr. Shao Li-tze, Minister of Publicity, addressing a reception given yesterday afternoon by the "Chinese Anti-Aggression League."

Mr. Shao said that while China appreciates the friendly support given her, she must live up to the expectations of her friends by continuing resistance against Japan in a vigorous and determined manner.

He added: "We know clearly who are our friends and who our enemies, but we judge them by standards higher than mere self-interest."

"Those supporting China in the fight against aggression, and in the efforts to uphold peace, law and order, are China's friends."

CHEN MING-SHU

General Chen Ming-shu, who commanded the 19th Route Army before the fight against Japan in Shanghai in 1932, also spoke.

General Chen emphasised that surrendering to aggression would not only fail to end aggression but would serve to encourage violation of peace and order.

The only effective way to end aggression would be for all peace-loving nations and peoples to combine in a concerted effort.

Another reception is being given this afternoon by the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association, at which Mr. Wang Ching-wei is presiding. — Reuter.

LIBERTY OF SUBJECT ISSUE RAISED

London, To-day.

In answering a question in the Commons arising out of a recent successful action in the courts for damages against the police for wrongful arrest, the Home Secretary described the elaborate code of instructions issued to the police force to ensure that whilst the powers of detention on suspicion required for the defence of the public are used vigilantly, the utmost care is taken to avoid the abuse of those powers even at the risk of some guilty persons going free.

Sir Samuel Hoare gave the House an assurance that adequate safeguards were and would be provided for preventing interference with the liberty of the subject.

The evening papers give prominence to the answer and comment on the strength of traditional liberties in Britain at a time when the methods of the Police State are in the ascendant in so many other parts of world. — British Wireless.

To-morrow is to be marked by a street sale of flowers on behalf of the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association.

COUNT GRANDI AGAIN AT FOREIGN OFFICE

London, To-day.

The Italian Ambassador visited the Foreign Office again yesterday and saw Mr. Eden in continuation of the conversations he has had in the past few days both with the Foreign Secretary himself and Lord Plymouth.

It is understood that the work of the non-intervention committee formed the main topic of the conversation.

It is known that the British Government keenly desire to obtain a solution to the apparent deadlock in the proceedings of committee on the withdrawal of volunteers. It is thought in London that on the Italian side there is an understanding of this desire and while it is realized that a difficult task lies ahead much is gained if both sides appreciate the value of any contribution that can be made to general appeasement.

It is understood that in yesterday's conversation, some progress was made towards this end. — British Wireless.

UNUSUAL ATTENTION

London, To-day.

The fourth visit of the Italian Ambassador, Count Dino Grandi, to the Foreign Office during the present week, has attracted an unusual amount of attention.

It is pointed out, however, that the frequency of Count Grandi's visits does not indicate forthcoming Anglo-Italian agreement on foreign policy.

Indication of the probable resumption of the talks between London and Rome is seen in the alacrity with which Italy agreed to the British proposals on Mediterranean piracy. — Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20-5/16 and forward at 19-15/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$5.0150 and the New York on London rate £—U.S.\$5.017/16.

EMPIRE DAY OBSERVANCE IN JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day. Commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of promulgation of the constitution, elaborate ceremonies in observance of Japanese Empire Day, will be held in the presence of Prince Chichibu, acting as proxy for the Emperor, at the House of Peers this afternoon.

Leaving the Imperial Palace at 1.30 p.m., Prince Chichibu will proceed to the Diet building where he will be greeted by high Government officials and court notables headed by Prince Konoye, the Premier.

More than 1,300 representatives of newspapers, news agencies, Diet members and prefectural governors, will attend the ceremony.

Prince Chichibu will read a message from the Emperor after which congratulatory messages will be read by Prince Konoye, the Premier, the president of the House of Representatives, and Count Matsudaira, president of the House of Peers.

Subsequently members of both Houses will gather in the dining hall of the Diet building and will join in cheers for the Emperor. — Reuter.

WEIHAIWEI LANDING DENIAL

Shanghai, To-day. The Japanese spokesman yesterday categorically denied reports that Britain had protested against landing of Japanese troops at Weihaiwei.

No such landing had taken place, he stated, and Britain had no cause to protest.

British commercial interests would be respected in any case but no difference would be made between Weihaiwei and other Chinese territory.

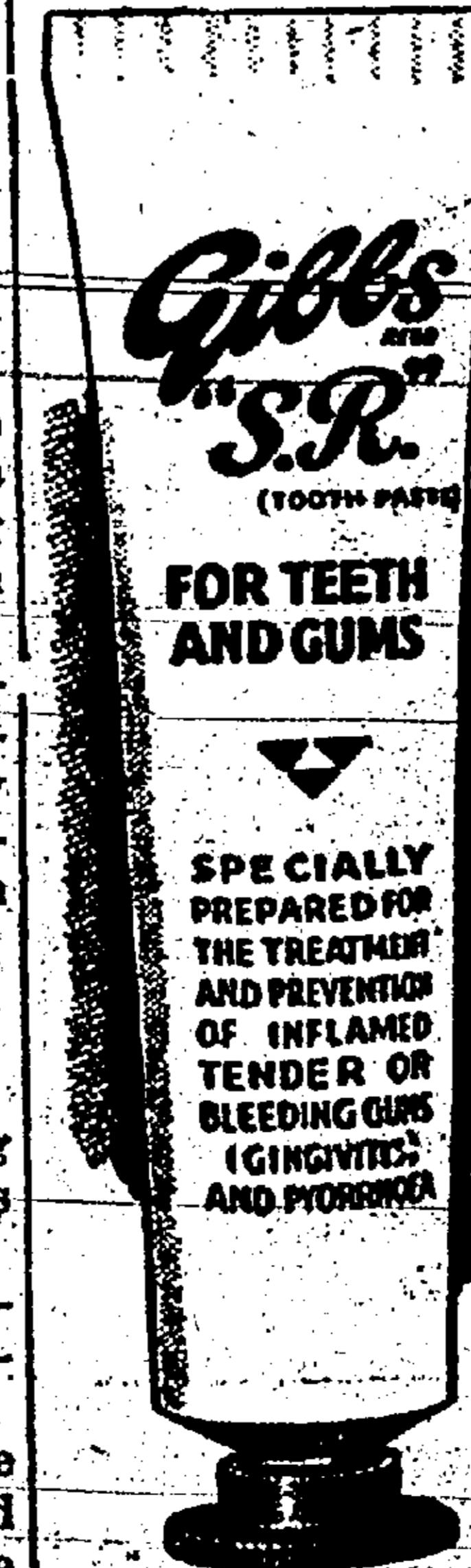
Britain returned Weihaiwei to China in 1930 but under an agreement has the use of the harbour as a summer naval base. — Trans-Ocean.

Mdme. Francesca Denies, dramatic soprano, whose recitals in Canton and Hong Kong have always delighted her audiences, is to give a concert at the China Fleet Club on Wednesday, March 16, in aid of the funds of the H.K. Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association.

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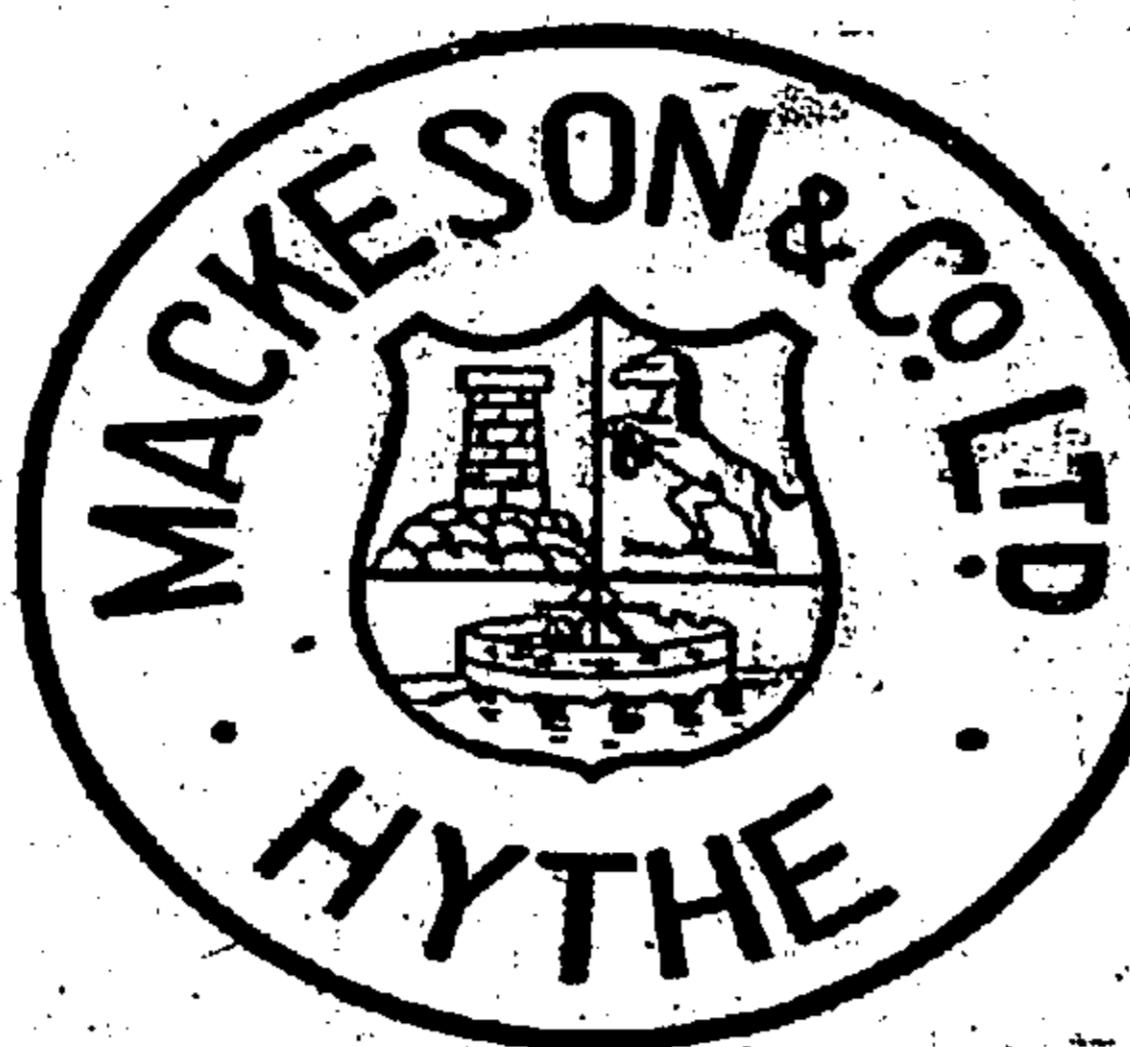
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BRITISH POLICY

Nothing is more incalculable than the shape that British foreign policy may assume in the next few weeks. The true meaning of developments in Germany is not yet properly understood. A complication is furnished by Signor Mussolini's more accommodating attitude on the Spanish question. The suggestion of a Foreign Office switch of focus is, indeed, in this matter, very strong, going rather towards justifying Lord Londonderry's recent sarcastic description of the present policy as "opportunist."

It is interesting that his attack coincided with the reorganisation of the Foreign Office and the appointment of Sir Robert Vansittart to the new post of Chief Diplomatic Adviser. The reshuffle came as a complete surprise to the public, which has not yet received a full explanation, and it is being thrashed out privately whether that change too presages an alteration in the course of Britain's policy. Signor Gayda's comment that the lines of British policy "are often altered by internal considerations, such as Parliamentary pressure and tactics," is being discussed with animation.

It is a fact that the lines of Britain's policy are not bold. Primarily they are dictated by considerations of Imperial interests and also the maintenance of certain traditional friendships and the cultivation of others, importantly related to defence and Imperial interests. Supporters of the British Government are split on the question of which is the best way to strengthen the policy. At present, foreign policy leans towards a form of collective security, with France as the first and indispensable ally. It is a principle opposed to bilateral agreements, except in certain specific cases, such as the Anglo-German Naval Agreement. Nevertheless, there is room to believe that important influences are working for the breaking up of the policy of collective security in favour of something akin to an understanding between Britain, Germany, Italy, and France—in other words, a reversion to Power politics, by the establishment of either a three or four Power bloc.

Apart from appearing to urge the Foreign Office advisers to take greater notice of Germany, Lord Londonderry's comments do not lead anywhere, being purely destructive criticism, and would be of little value but for the fact that they merely underline the astonishing state of uncertainty among many people in high positions as to what is the correct course that the policy should pursue. A denunciation of Britain's policy by Herr Hitler could not be more severe in its essence than Lord Londonderry's.

Lord Londonderry is a member of an important group favouring better treatment of Germany on the ground that, so far, British diplomacy has showed itself almost at its worst whenever it

has dealt with Germany, and that the policy should be adjusted so as to be less "foolish." Mr. Eden and Sir Robert Vansittart are believed to lead the group supporting the maintenance of the present policy. If there is any hidden significance to Lord Londonderry's criticism, it may be that it could provide some sort of a clue to the importance of Sir Robert Vansittart's new job, which has been described by "The Times" as "experimental." The job may mean a victory for the collective group, since it enables Sir Robert Vansittart to communicate his views direct to the Cabinet instead of through the Secretary of State. On the other hand, he is now in a position in which he may be directly attacked from various quarters, with the possibility of the position being squeezed into one of small importance. It is believed, however, that Sir Robert Vansittart accepted the new position, because he expected reasonable chances of firmly entrenching himself. Some critics interpret Lord Londonderry's attack as proving that Sir Robert Vansittart has scored a substantial victory. Certainly, one influential Conservative section seems to urge protection against a whitening down of the importance of the job by suggesting that Sir Robert Vansittart should not be sent round Europe frequently, but should remain close to the Cabinet.

Whatever the truth, this much is certain: open diplomacy is fast being relegated as suitable only in a world where sweet reason rules, and the first knowledge Britain and the Empire is likely to gain of the meaning of recent manoeuvres will be provided when the result is presented as a fait accompli.

Rhodes's Dream

It is instructive at the present time to consider what Cecil Rhodes said at various periods of his life on universal peace. In 1877, in a letter to W. T. Stead, he set out his political creed: "I contend that we are the first race in the world, and that the more we inhabit the better it is for the human race. The absorption of the world under our rule simply means the end of all war." He states that it is his object to work "for the bringing of the whole civilised world under British rule, for the recovery of the United States, for the making of the Anglo-Saxon race into one Empire." In his first will, made in the same year, he provides for a secret society, on the model of the Jesuits, to promote this end.

"The whole continent of Africa," says a biographer of this modern Loyola, "is to be settled by Britons, and also the whole continent of South America, the Holy Land, the Valley of the Euphrates, the island of Cyprus and Candia, the islands of the Pacific not heretofore possessed by Great Britain, the Malay Archipelago, the seaboard of China and Japan, and, finally, the United States. In the end Great Britain is to establish a power so overwhelming that wars must cease and the millennium be realised."

This ideal Rhodes further elaborated in a series of wills made at various periods of his life, till at last his air-castle took mundane shape in the Rhodes Scholarships. But how fantastic, how much in the manner of Aristophanes, must appear at the present hour that touch about the "seaboard of China and Japan"!

COUNTER ATTACKS ON HWAI RIVER FRONT

Hwaiyuan Invested By Chinese On Three Sides

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN GERMANY?

SUDDEN CLOSURE OF FRONTIERS

Vienna, To-day.

The Austro-German frontier has been virtually closed by the German authorities since Wednesday afternoon.

It is learned that the border between Germany and Upper Austria has been completely closed, and on the Tyrol frontier normal traffic has been stopped, but a few persons have passed under strict observation.

It is reported from Verviers, in Belgium, that the Belgian frontier posts gendarmes have been doubled after reinforcement of German police on the German side of the frontier.

It is understood that the object of the step was to prevent the departure from Germany of any persons whose papers were not in order.

A certain amount of "effervescence" prevails in some German cities, according to reports received in Verviers.—Reuter.

ARMY CHANGES

London, To-day.

Definite facts emerging at midnight from the welter of rumours and tension in Germany were

Strict control has been established of the Belgo-German and Austro-German frontiers.

Berlin has announced that many further changes in lower ranks of the army are expected following the changes in the army command, and

Reuter's correspondents in Berlin, Munich, Cologne and Frankfurt report that everything is normal there.—Reuter.

CANTON GAINS COMPLETE VICTORY

Canton To-day.

It is now quite certain that the Chinese forces in South China, whose loyalty to General Chiang Kai-shek is as pronounced as is their determination to resist Japanese aggression, have gained a complete victory over the separatist aspirations inspired, it is generally believed, by Japanese agents and backed by Japanese funds.

Complete order has been restored everywhere in South China.—Trans-Ocean.

Chinese Also Adopt Offensive At Pengpu

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese are launching a series of counter-attacks on the Hwai River, south of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and violent fighting was reported to be still in progress last night.

Military H.Q. in Hankow declare that a fresh Japanese attempt to cross the river near the T.P.R. was repulsed.

The Chinese also claimed that Hwaiyuan, captured by the Japanese about a week ago, is now encircled by Chinese troops on three sides.

Japanese troops who had advanced beyond Hwaiyuan are said to be in difficulties, and may be forced to retire in the face of overwhelming Chinese odds.

Heavy fighting is in progress in the Pengpu region, where the Chinese are also taking the offensive.

On the Yangtse, Wuhu is still in Japanese hands, and the Chinese attack on the town does not seem to have made any further appreciable progress. The Japanese here are remaining completely on the defensive.—Trans-Ocean.

HIGH RECORD IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In the Colony of Hong Kong including the Island, Kowloon and the New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the 5th. instant, there were altogether 83 a new high record traffic accidents, as the result of which 6 persons were killed also a new high record and 35 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, a Chinese male, aged 40 years, was knocked down and fatally injured by a motor bus whilst walking across the road.

A Chinese male, aged 25 years, died from injuries received when he was knocked down by a motor lorry whilst walking in the roadway.

A Chinese male, aged 38 years, was knocked down and killed by a motor bus whilst running across the road.

A Chinese girl, aged 10 years, was knocked down and killed by a private motor car whilst running across the road.

A Chinese girl, aged 5 years, was knocked down and killed by a motor lorry whilst running across the road.

A Chinese boy, aged 8 years, was knocked down and fatally injured by a private motor car whilst running across the road.

Of the persons injured, 19 were pedestrians; who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles.

Three tramcar passengers and 10 bus passengers were injured while alighting from motor, tramcars and motor buses respectively.

Two motor cycle drivers and one million passenger were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles.

Of the 83 accidents, 27 were collisions between vehicles; 37 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; and 19 accidents were due to other causes.

The B. I. Steam Ship *Tilawa* will leave for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta on Tuesday at 10.30 a.m.

EX-FAR EAST PILOT IN HURRICANE PLANE

London, To-day.

Britain's record-breaking fighting plane was piloted by Squadron Leader J. W. Gillan, who thus becomes the world's fastest pilot over land in a land plane.

He accomplished this feat "flying blind" as he could not see anything of the course or his surroundings — only his instruments.

The record, over a distance of more than 300 miles, means a speed of nearly seven miles a minute, which was achieved in a machine designed for the defence of Britain and not for record breaking.

Squadron Leader Gillan is of Scottish descent. Born in Nainital, India, he has served in the Far East and the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

JAPANESE SURVEY OF SHANGHAI

Tokyo, To-day.

The results of his preliminary survey of economic conditions in Shanghai have been conveyed to the Premier by Mr. Hisataka Munekata, director of the investigation

bureau of the Bank of Japan. Mr. Munekata recently returned to Tokyo from Shanghai with data of his investigations in Shanghai, whether he is expected to return in a few days.—Reuter.

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Mr. Hirao Urges Early Termination Of War On China

Shanghai, To-day.

Concrete proposals in accordance with the principles that 'the Chinese should govern themselves,' will be made by Mr. Hirao, former Minister of Education, to the Premier, according to semi-official Japanese sources.

Mr. Hirao recently completed a tour of North China and is now en route to Tokyo, where it is reported he will also recommend Japan to establish a "long term policy" towards China by bringing the hostilities to a speedy termination and utilising the results of the conflict to the best possible advantage for Sino-Japanese co-operation.

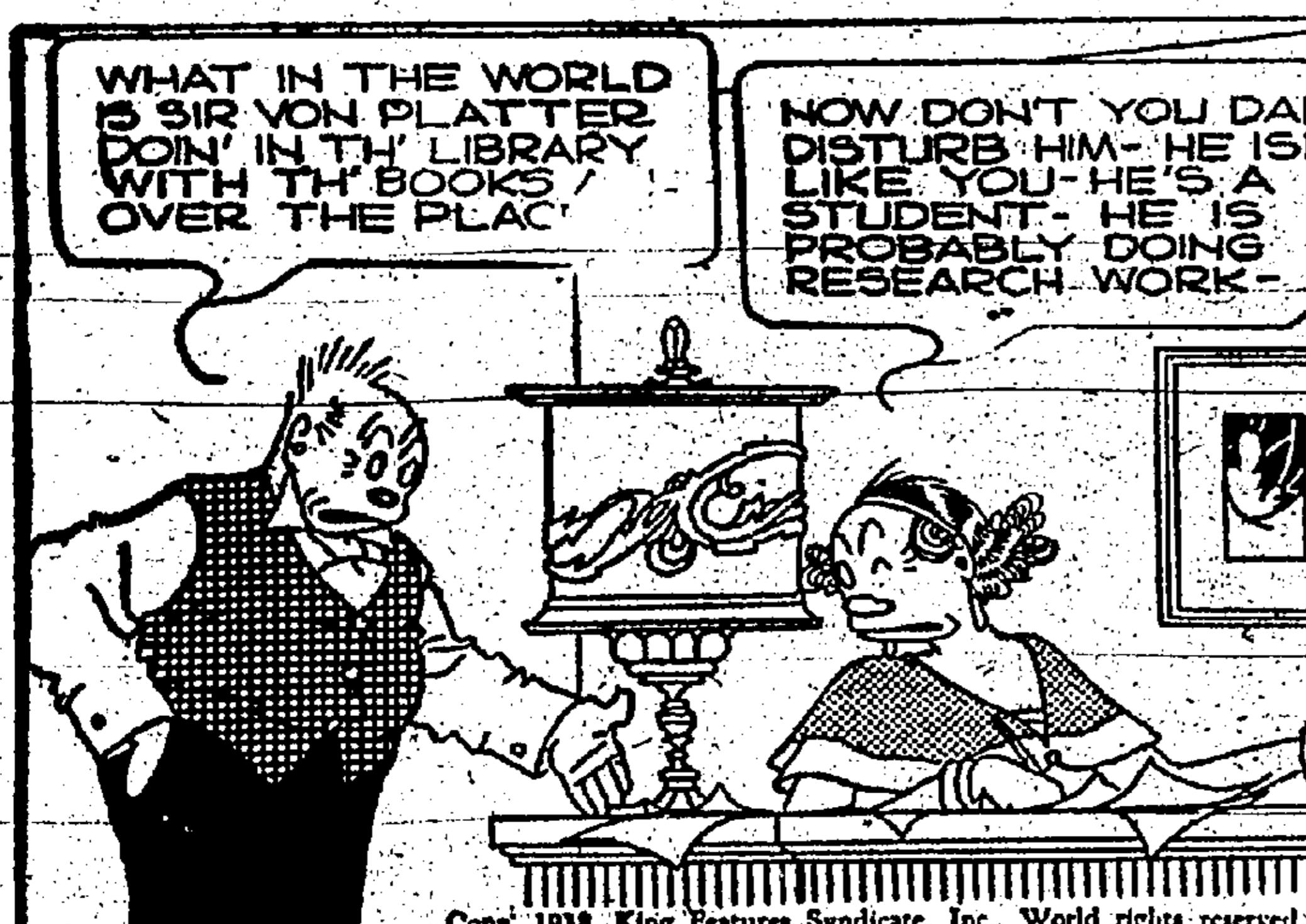
ECONOMIC ADVISER

In order to carry out these policies, it is stated that he will propose that under Japanese administrative guidance, China should function along the lines of Chinese governing Chinese.

It is understood that Mr. Hirao, who is one of Japan's leading industrialists, will notify the War Minister of his acceptance of the post of economic adviser. — Reuter.

Mrs. W. Mitchell, residing at Empress Lodge, has reported the loss of a cigarette case and money to the value of \$15.

Bringing Up Father



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KING CANCELS IN PREMIER RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

London, To-day. KING GEORGE will not visit India this year, states an official communiqué.

It is a matter of deep regret to the King that once more he has felt obliged to postpone his visit but His Majesty feels, after careful examination of the matter in all aspects, both financial and general, he would not be justified in imposing any additional burden on the existing revenues of India at a time when the call on these revenues in connection with the inauguration of provincial autonomy is already heavy.

Moreover, his Majesty would deplore the loss and inconvenience resulting from any change in plans that might prove necessary at a later date.

With these considerations in mind, his Majesty has reluctantly come to the conclusion that it will be advisable to wait until the general world outlook has become more settled and the financial aspects are made more definite before committing himself to an engagement so long in advance.

GOING LATER

In communicating his decision to the Marquis of Zetland, Secretary of State for India, His Majesty once more repeated his strong desire to visit India and his intention of so doing as soon as circumstances permit. — Reuter.

INDIA OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The following announcement is issued by the India Office.

In February last year, the King Emperor informed the Secretary for India that he had reluctantly come to the conclusion that he would not be able to hold a Coronation Durbar in India during the following winter but that he looked forward to a visit at a later date. At that time His Majesty was hoping he might find the opportunity he desired during the winter of 1938.

In view of the length of time required to make the necessary preparations, His Majesty has recently had the subject again under consideration and it is a matter of deep regret to him that once more he has felt obliged to postpone his visit.

TACIT ANGLO-AMERICAN FAR EAST PACT

London, To-day. That Britain and America have entered into tacit agreement with regard to joint action in the Far East was hinted at by Professor Gilbert Murray, British pacifist and Chairman of the League of Nations Union, in the course of a lecture delivered yesterday evening at the National Liberal Club in London.

Opposing any policy involving recourse to secret diplomacy Professor Murray went on to say that Britain would do better to come out in open condemnation of the Japanese campaign against China.

"I am quite convinced," he said, "that Britain has assured the American Government of support in every action taken in the Far East. Unfortunately, these agreements are of a secret kind so that British public opinion is not made aware of the real attitude of the Government." — Trans-Ocean.

After taking counsel with his advisers, His Majesty has reluctantly come to the conclusion that it would be advisable to wait until the general world outlook has become settled and financial prospects are more definite before committing himself to an engagement so long in advance. In communicating his decision to the Secretary for India, His Majesty has once more repeated his strong desire to visit India and his intention of doing so as soon as circumstances permit. — British Wireless.

Questioned in on the recent increase in unemployment, he said it was largely due to personal causes and nature to call for a series of measures other than which the Government had already applied for the purpose of employment.

Questioned on the Government's plans in advance to counteract the future economic activity, he said the matter had been looked into.

The Government is considering what further steps could be taken in consultation with local authorities. At the same time he thought it would be better to say that too much emphasis should not be placed on doing more by such contributing in so doing to the fluctuation in unemployment. — B.

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"HONESTY AMONG THIEVES"

GINGER MYERS caught sight of Detective-Sergeant Richardson on the other side of the street and slipped back through the swing doors like a rabbit bolting to its warren. Had the adjectival mark seen him, or hadn't he?

A great deal depended on the answer. If the policeman had caught sight of him as he emerged from the block of offices where he was employed, it was a thousand to one that he would come poking his nose in where it was not wanted, asking awkward questions. If he took it into his head to interview the Boss to-morrow, he might completely nullify the carefully planned job that was to be pulled off during the day.

Ginger was an ex-convict only recently released from prison. By using faked references he had secured a post as a messenger with Messrs. Frank Barber and Company, manufacturers of office sundries. For several weeks he had carried out his simple duties with praiseworthy zeal.

But it was not with any idea of building up a new life that he had taken such pains to establish an honest reputation. On the contrary, the disagreeable drudgery of daily routine was merely intended to establish confidence before he brought off a clever robbery.

He had learned about Frank Barber and Company from a fellow convict at Parkhurst named Cresswell. The firm employed a number of salesmen who worked on a straight commission basis. They were paid on a Friday afternoon.

The money was fetched from the Bank during the morning and placed temporarily in a safe. For convenience in distribution it consisted largely of one pound notes, and, since it amounted to several hundred pounds, was a prize well worth securing.

Cresswell had parted with the information during an impulsive moment of friendliness. It had been agreed between the two men that they should work the job together and share equally. But Cresswell had got into trouble and lost his good conduct time, with the result that Myers was free several months before his confederate.

Ginger knew very well that the decent thing would be to wait until Cresswell could join him before beginning operations. It was Cresswell's find, and he would never have known of it if Cresswell had had the wisdom to keep his discovery to himself. But, even on the day he first tasted freedom, he had had no intention of waiting.

If Cresswell was stupid enough to give away his secrets, he deserved the consequences, he argued. Besides, if Cresswell had told him, he might also have told someone else, and they would look a pretty pair of fools if they let valuable time pass whilst another party did them in the eye.

To a man of Ginger's calibre the task was child's play. The

safe was in the Boss's office. The Boss went out to lunch regularly between one o'clock and two; during that hour his room was deserted.

Ginger only needed five minutes; he had already discovered the combination of the lock. He would choose a moment when he could enter the room unsuspected, secure the money, and return to the entrance lobby where he was usually stationed.

His arrangements for disposing of the loot were quite simple. He had prepared a box into which the money would fit comfortably. This he would make up into a registered packet which he would despatch at an adjacent Post Office to an accommodation address where he had arranged for correspondence under a false name. When the hue and cry had died down he could collect it at his convenience.

They might suspect him. They would probably sack him anyhow when they discovered the truth about his past. But what did that matter? He would have fooled them and they would be unable to prove anything whatever against him.

But if Richardson was coming into the picture he must tighten up his arrangements. The fellow was as sharp as a needle. Even though there was no direct evidence against Ginger he would probably have him followed, and it might make the securing of the spoil extremely awkward if not impossible. There must be some way by which he could put

"Do you mind me smoking, Miss?" he asked.

She looked up from the evening paper in which she was engrossed.

"Me? Oh, no, not at all; smoke by all means."

Her voice was soft and pleasant. Ginger's interest grew. A vague idea was forming in his mind.

"I suppose there isn't any news?" he observed casually. "There never is in these days, is there?"

She raised her eyebrows.

"I don't know. I've only been reading the advertisement columns."

"Trying to pick out a pleasure cruise?" queried Ginger with an attempt at humour. "It wouldn't cost you much. Fifty quid, or a hundred at the outside."

The girl's eyes shone.

"A hundred pounds!" she echoed. "If only I had it, it's the very thing I'd do. I think it must be the most perfect holiday imaginable."

Ginger laughed. What stupid ideas girls had. She must be a bit on the simple side, it seemed to him.

"I know a much better way of spending a hundred quid than that," he asserted definitely.

He did too. With a capital of a hundred pounds a chap could set up a nice little business on one of the dog tracks. With a slice of luck and a bit of inside knowledge, such as he knew how to get hold of, he could treble that in no time.

And to-morrow, if all went

the evening together at the pictures. Just before he saw her on to a homeward bus, he made his proposition.

"Call at the office at a quarter to two, to-morrow." He gave her the address. "You'll catch the Boss just coming back from his lunch; he'll be in a good mood then. Perhaps I shall be able to help you get a position."

She thanked him profusely as she said good-bye. She would be there without fail. Her gratitude made him feel almost philanthropic.

He smiled exultantly as she was whirled away from him. He was in luck to have caught such an obvious mug. She would do everything he wanted; the whole show was going to be quite all right.

The following morning he accompanied the cashier to the bank and stood behind him whilst he presented his cheque, watched him as he carefully packed the money into a bag. Three hundred and twenty pounds there was all told. It was a bit of a blow that half of it was in fivers, but £160 was better than nothing. They returned to the office and the money was duly locked in the safe.

At five minutes past one the Boss went out to lunch. Some of the staff were eating their sandwiches in the outer office. It wouldn't do to make the attempt yet. Presently most of them would go out, either for a cup of coffee or to get some fresh air.

At five and twenty past there were only three typists in the office besides himself. Now was the time. Picking up some letters which he had kept back for the purpose, he carried them casually through the outer office to the Boss's room. He deliberately left the door slightly ajar. The three girls were in a clump, laughing and talking.

Ginger worked quickly. In one moment he had the safe door open. The money was in an envelope right before his eyes. He shoved it in his pocket, quickly closed the safe door, and was back in his lobby, all within three minutes. No one had taken any notice of him.

He removed the money from its envelope and placed it in the box he had in readiness. The fivers were no use to him and he intended to destroy them. Their numbers could be traced. But they would go with the rest for the time being. He slipped the box into a registered envelope which he had addressed in type-script.

Glancing out of the window he saw Detective-Sergeant Richardson standing on the other side of the road talking to a companion. Ginger chuckled; he had no fear of him now. In fact it was a good thing he was there; the mark would know for certain he had never left the building.

At seventeen minutes to two his girl friend of the night before emerged from the lift to keep her appointment. He went out into the vestibule to meet

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Short Story :- By A.O. Pollard, V.C., M.C., D.C.M.

him off the scent.

He waited under cover until the detective disappeared from sight before venturing forth from the building. His brow was furrowed in anxious thought. It was maddening that this should have happened the day before he brought off his coup. If only he knew whether it was by accident or design that Richardson was in that neighbourhood.

Ginger turned into a teashop, found an empty table, lit a cigarette and ordered a cup of tea. He must carefully review his preparations in view of this unexpected development. To be of any use in fooling Richardson his alibi must be cast iron.

A girl seated herself opposite him at the table. He would have resented the intrusion, but she was young and very pretty, and he had a distinct partiality for pretty girls.

She looked tired, he thought. The bun, which she ordered with a glass of milk, she ate ravenously. Hungry and out of a job, deduced Ginger indifferently.

Without any particular reason he decided to speak to her.

well, he would have his hundred quid. All of that—two or three hundred most likely. Things had been going well lately and most of the salesmen had a nice share coming to them.

His idea became a plan—gave him the answer to his problem. If this girl needed work, she might fit very nicely into his scheme. By Jove, yes! That would fool them. Even Richardson wouldn't get past that.

"What's the good of talking about a hundred quid when we haven't got it?" he demanded brusquely. "It's as much as one can do to hold down a job at all these days; it took me long enough to get taken on, I'm sure. You're in work I suppose, Miss."

She shook her head wanly.

"I'm afraid not, though I've been hunting for weeks. I simply can't hear of anything at all."

That was exactly what he wanted to know. Now he had the answer he would go to work warily. He put himself out to be as pleasant as possible. It was not very difficult; she was a most agreeable companion.

At his suggestion they spent



Taken at St. George's Ball at the Peninsula Hotel during the first dance, a waltz. ("Mail" photo).



Our photographer took this at the Cottage Club where the Gymkhana was held last week.

CABBAGES AND KINGS

Right, Miss Post?

LITTLE Brother: "What is etiquette?"

Little Bigger Brother: "It's saying 'No, thank you' when you want to holler 'Gimme!'"

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Postlude

A schoolmaster, giving a music lesson, inquired whether the pupils had any favourite anthem they would like to sing.

"God Save the King," said one of the lads.

"Now, tell me, what made you think of the National Anthem?"

"Because," replied the boy, "then it's time to go home."—Edinburgh Dispatch.

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A Stanza For Willie

There's chicken and shortcake,
It's sure hard to beat them;
As for spinach and prunes—
Don't you like them? Don't eat them!

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Force Of Habit

A travelling salesman visited a large factory and told the manager he could pick out all the married men among the employees. He stationed himself at the door, and as the men came from dinner he pointed to those he was sure were the married men. In almost every case he was right.

"How do you do it?" asked the manager.

"Oh, it's quite simple," replied the traveller. "The married men all wipe their feet on the mat. The single men don't."—Edinburgh Dispatch.

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Schoolroom Candor

Student: "Teacher, will you help me with this problem?"

Teacher: "I would, only I don't think it would be right."—Pasadena Post.

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No Place For Sentiment

"I had to fire an old employee to-day. I felt sorry—but sentiment has no place in our business."

"What is your business, may I ask?"

"Oh, I manufacture all sorts of holiday and greeting cards."

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THE STAR TURN

[A message from Moscow reports that the entire Astronomical Council of the Academy of Sciences has been dissolved on account of tendencies towards sabotage, and that a number of "wreckers of astronomy" have been discovered and removed from Soviet observatories.]

Sing a song of sabotage, that new and blessed word! (However did we manage when the term was yet unheard?) And add to that a chorus on the former land of Tsars, Where everything is sabotaged from stations unto stars!

Some comrades sabotage a train, some sabotage the rails, Some bust the signal system up, or disarrange the mails; Some sabotage the people's bread and some the people's booze;

Some muck up agriculture through the tractor's loosened screws.

Some sabotage in politics (a mighty risky game), And some to industry apply that pestilential aim,

But, boy, of all the saboteurs whose aim is low or high, Give me the bloke who sets to work to dislocate the sky!

There is the prince of muckers-up, obstructionist supreme— Astronomer gone gaga who attacked the solar scheme.

Who victimised fair Venus and made war on distant Mars, Who curdled all the Milky Way and sabotage the stars!

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—n 420. Florence

"Will that paint dry by to-morrow? I want to move back in to-morrow night."

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Eccentric Minority

Mrs. Jones: "Everyone in town is talking about it. Some are taking her part and some his."

Mr. Jones: "And I suppose a few eccentric individuals are minding their own business."—Atlanta Two Bells.

Love's Mystery

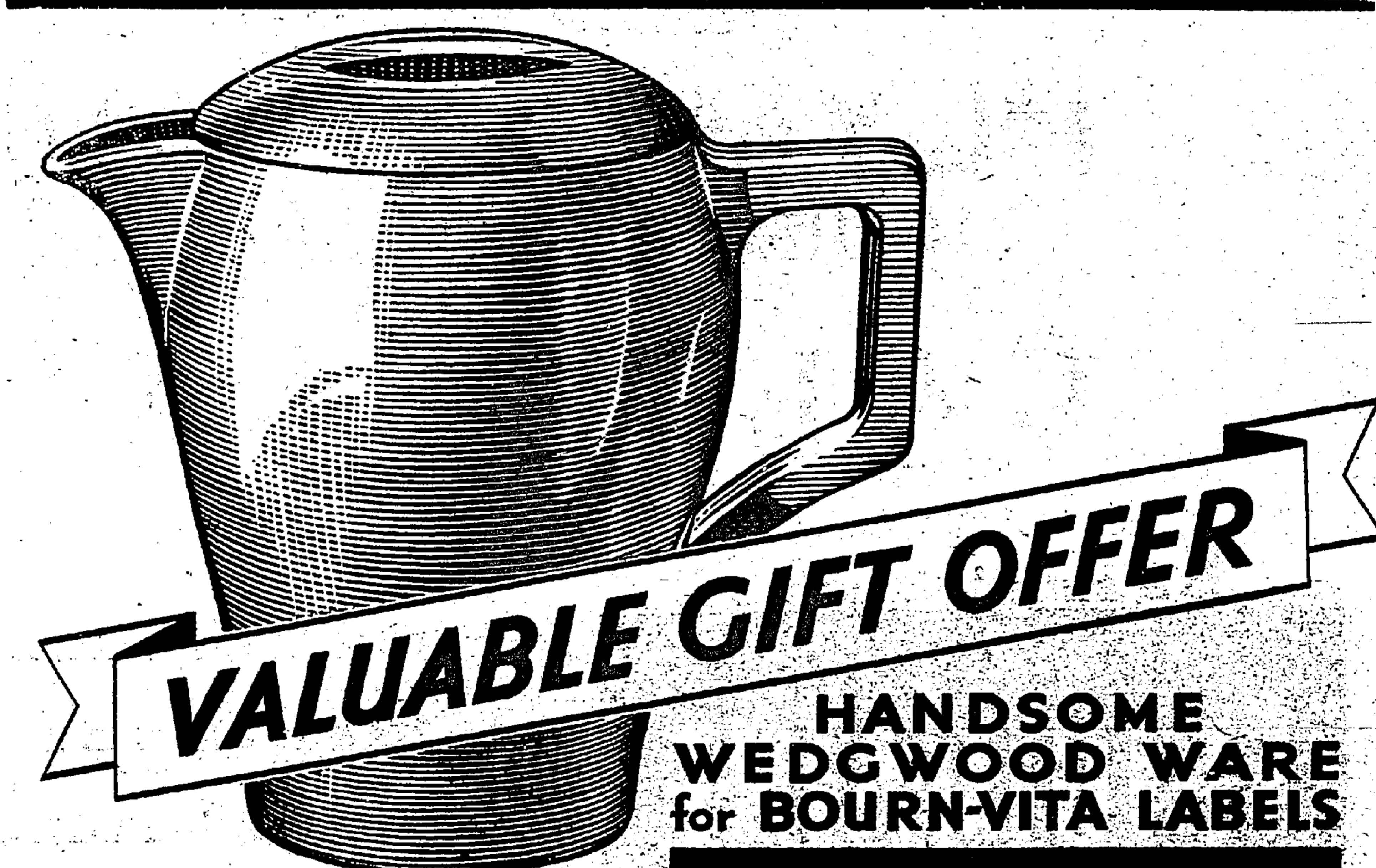
By CHARLES HANSON TOWNE

Who looks for Love as something
Devoid of thongs of pain,
Knows not the rose is reddened
Because of stinging rain;

Knows not that every cedar
Is stronger for the storm;
That the thick snows of winter
Keep roots and tendrils warm.

Oh, it were better, wiser
To shut no sorrow out;
To take the richest moments
Along with those of doubt;

To blend the high and noble
With less deserving stuff....
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Love would not be enough!



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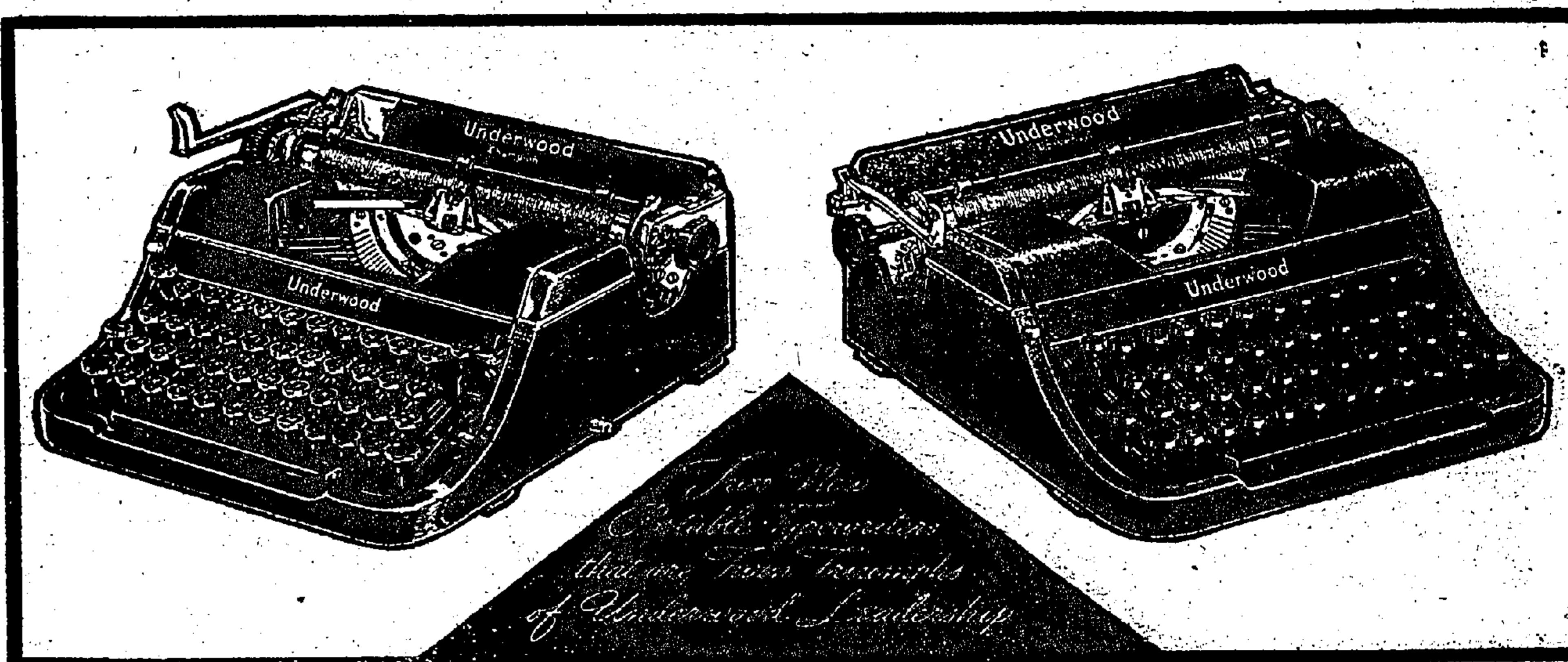
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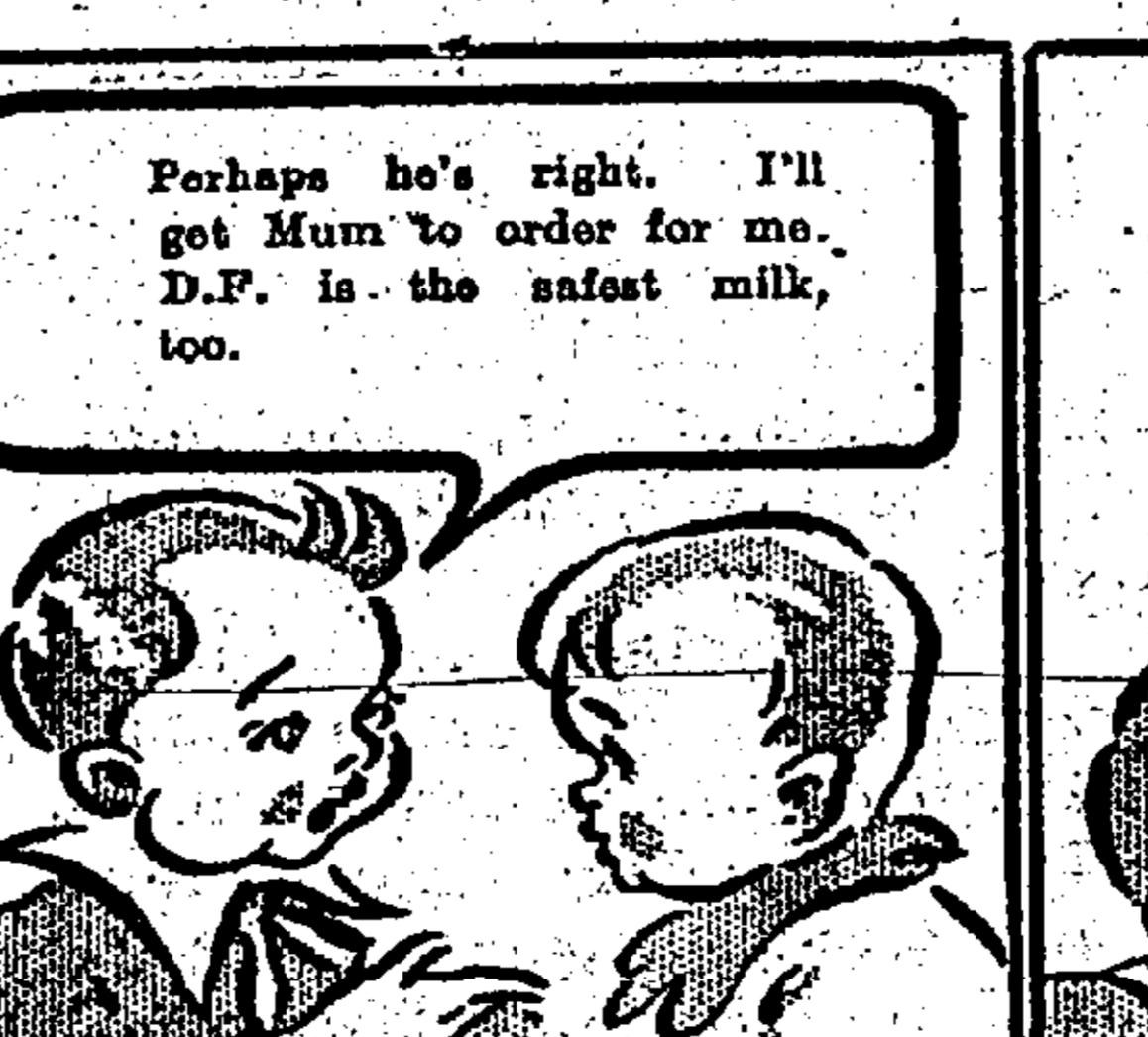
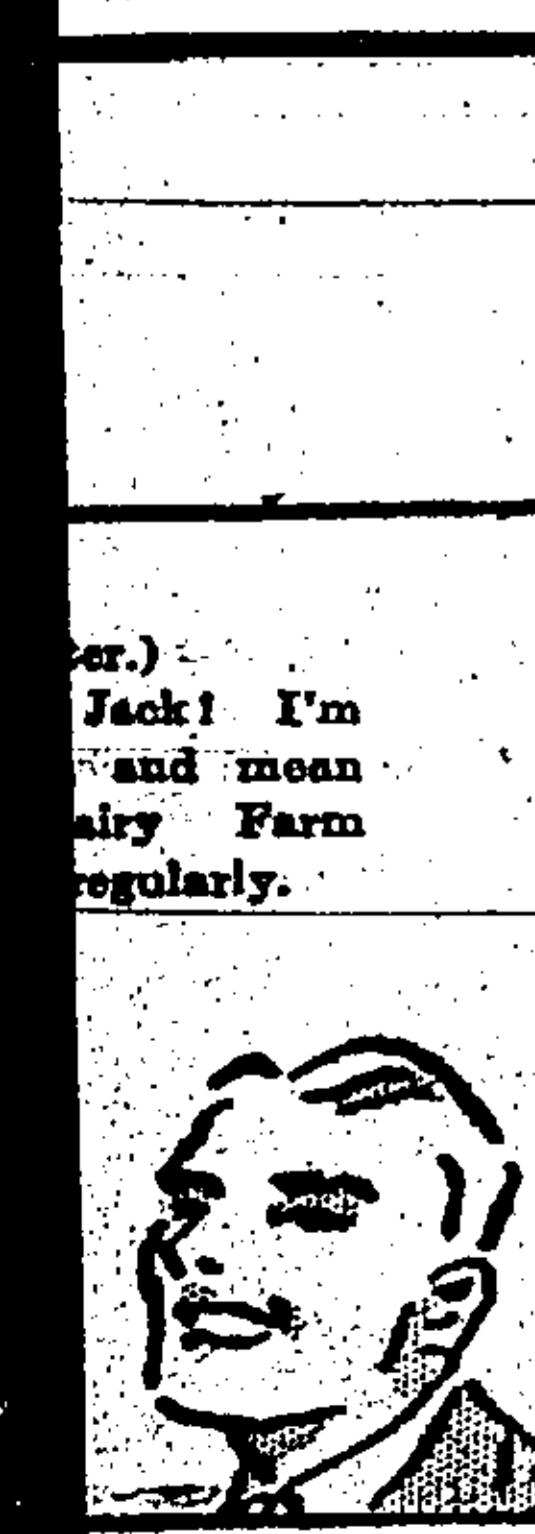
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Lord Clonmore's book is a biography of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, with special reference to some of the world problems that have confronted the Vatican in the years since the war. Its author is moved by devotion to the Holy See, and he is dogmatic in the expression of his political judgments. But the frankly partisan character of the biography

THE PAPACY AND THE WORLD

does not detract from the interest of his chapters on the Pope's attitude to Fascism and Communism, the conflict with the Nazis in Germany, and the special problem presented by the civil war in Spain.

Achille Ratti became Pope Pius XI 16 years ago at the age of 65, after being Cardinal and Archbishop of Milan for less than a year. One of the early problems that confronted him was the relations between the Vatican and the Quirinal. These relations had ebbed and flowed, sometimes a little more friendly, sometimes far less. Lord Clonmore's case is that Italian Fascism has been of a different character from its follower in Germany. At the beginning, he admits, there were outbreaks of violence, and cruel attacks were made on peaceful members of the community. But Italian Fascism

has not been disgraced by the brutal anti-Semitism of the Nazis. The Pope's attitude was, therefore, on the whole friendly. He believed that, although the Fascist movement had its full share of defects and Signor Mussolini had an anti-clerical background, the Fascists were doing great things for Italy. The four Popes who preceded Pius XI constantly protested against the position in which they were placed after the taking of Rome in 1870. The protests are found in many of their Encyclicals, and their policy of seclusion in the Vatican was part of this protest. The Pope, it was claimed, is the head of the greatest international body in the world, and he must, therefore, be completely independent of any earthly power. In Pope Pius XI and Signor Mussolini, two strong personalities were matched. Each bided his time, and it was not until seven years

that a Treaty was signed. It was, Lord Clonmore declares, undoubtedly popular in Italy.

Abyssinian Crisis

But the Treaty has brought its problems. What attitude was the Pope to adopt over Abyssinia? The matter was simple, according to Lord Clonmore. Both parties had the right to appeal to the Pope as a Court. Neither did so. The Emperor of Abyssinia preferred Geneva to the Vatican. "With the help of one Moses Valach, alias M. Litvinov, a Marxian Communist, and Mr. Eden, a well-meaning but schoolboyish enthusiast, he did quite nicely for himself," states the author, "though not quite as nicely as the Abyssinian rases had been led to expect."

"The Pope's behaviour at a very difficult time," he adds, "when he firmly refused to commit a breach of international morality, and to behave as if the Treaty (i.e. the Lateran Treaty) was a scrap of paper, is the more to be admired." This has not been the Pope's only problem, for once the Lateran Treaty was signed the Fascists apparently thought that they could move ahead with the more sweeping side of their policy.

Lord Clonmore devotes two chapters to the Pope's severe condemnation of Communism, and to the accusation that this condemnation implies that the Vatican is reactionary. The Papal view is expressed in the great Encyclical "Quadragesimo Anno" on Reconstructing the Social Order, and in that document, Lord Clonmore claims, there will be found a solution of the world's social troubles, which is "not only Christian and suited to human nature, but more practical than the doctrines of Marx."

The Church In Spain
History shapes itself so quickly

nowadays that Lord Clonmore's statement that, while Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler had recognised General Franco's administration in Spain, the Pope had been careful to do nothing that might give the impression that he had done so, was out of date almost as soon as the book was completed. The Vatican has since recognised General Franco. The Roman Catholic Church has been in Spain for many centuries, and, as Lord Clonmore says, men grow slack and begin to take things for granted. He admits the defects of the Church in Spain, but believes that its virtues were greater. There is no doubt, he admits also, that much was wrong with the old Spain—poverty and apathy, a rich class who were content to live on the Riviera without troubling to know where their wealth came from, and a working-class exploited and underpaid, which was sometimes neglected by the representatives of Christ."

The policy of the Pope, in what he believes to be a Red attack on Spain, has been to remind Catholics that their duty is to defend religion and civilisation. The general principles of the right to rebel, Lord Clonmore declares, have been laid down by moral theologians, but the business of applying them to a particular situation can only be done after much research. "In view of the way in which the Communists have shown their hands," he adds, "it is almost certain that the majority of theologians would decide in favour of General Franco."

As for the future, he fears that General Franco's new Spain may lean a little too much towards the Totalitarian State, but hopes that, when peace is restored, General Franco may rest content with the Christian Corporative State on the lines laid down in "Quadragesimo Anno." At any rate, General Franco and his colleagues are reported to be busy studying that Encyclical.

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(Continued from Page 1)

her. She must not be seen by anyone in the office. His face wore an assumed expression of regret.

"I'm most frightfully sorry to have brought you up here for nothing," he apologised. "The Boss has gone out and won't be back again this afternoon. I couldn't possible know last night or else, of course, I would have told you. If you come back on Monday though, I'm sure he'll be here."

The girl smiled bravely.

"Of course, I quite understand. It's only too jolly good of you to do anything for me at all. I'll come back on Monday then. Good-bye!"

She turned away, but he called her back as if by an afterthought.

"As you're going down, would you mind posting this for me?" He held out the registered package. "I'm rather busy just now and I don't want to go out."

She agreed instantly.

"By all means. It's a very little thing to ask after what you're doing for me. But what about the registration slip; shall I bring that back?"

"No, don't bother to do that. Be at that place where we had tea together yesterday at the same time, and I'll meet you. You can give it me there."

He could afford to spend another evening with her after the way she was helping him out of a hole.

He saw her into the lift and returned to his post, thoroughly satisfied with the way things had worked out. But he realised he had cut it rather fine when Detective-Sergeant Richardson stepped out of the lift when it reascended after taking her down.

The policeman greeted him smilingly.

"Hallo, Ginger! You're on the straight and narrow now then. You find it a bit irksome, I expect."

Ginger was offended.

"It's just like you coppers to make fun of a chap when he's trying to go straight," he protested. "I've been here a month now and I bear an exemplary character. You ask my Boss."

Richardson nodded significantly.

"That's just what I mean to do. I mean to ask him whether he knows he's employing an ex-convict. Perhaps you didn't tell him that?"

"Now give me a chance, please do, Mr. Richardson," pleaded Ginger earnestly, one eye on the clock. "I'm doing my best; straight I am."

Adopting a pose of being intensely aggrieved by the policeman's suspicious attitude he kept him in conversation until Mr. Barber's return. Confident that he could not be arrested, he wanted the detective to be at hand when the theft was discovered.

Mr. Barber took Richardson to his private office. They were still talking when the cashier opened the safe to get the money for sorting into the wage envelopes. He uttered a loud cry of shocked amazement.

"It's gone! The money's gone!"

Richardson immediately took charge, and speedily established certain facts. No stranger had been seen to enter the office, nor

could one have gained access from the outside. The thief must be someone on the staff.

Ginger was suspected at once, but protested his innocence loudly. Certainly he had visited Mr. Barber's room during the lunch hour, but only to lay some letters on his desk. He was not in the room more than a moment or two.

He demanded to be searched, to have his lobby searched. His solemn affirmation that, although once a thief, he was now doing his utmost to go straight, was most convincing.

All the same, Richardson did not believe him. He searched him thoroughly, examined his lobby and checked up every possible place where he might have hidden the money. It was all in vain.

In view of the fact that Ginger had never left the office, nor the building, it was impossible to arrest him.

Ginger chuckled to himself all the afternoon. He was still chuckling when he entered the teashop where the girl was to give him the registration slip.

She looked prettier than ever, he thought, as she took it from her bag and handed it to him—just the sort of girl to keep in with. A pleasant companion and a useful partner.

Visions of other successful stunts in which the two of them co-operated floated before his eyes as he carefully destroyed the only piece of incriminating evidence against him except the notes themselves. They could not lay anything on him. Nobody could. He had fooled them all right under that ass Richardson's nose.

"I'm terribly sorry about your job," he said as they sipped their tea.

"It's quite all right," she smiled. "I shan't want it now. I've received some money unexpectedly from a friend and my immediate future is comfortably provided for."

Ginger was delighted.

"I'm very glad indeed—very glad."

He was going on to ask for further particulars when a newcomer sat down at their table. He was disgusted to recognise Detective-Sergeant Richardson.

"Hallo, Ginger! You and Miss Cresswell seem to be enjoying yourselves."

At the sound of that name Ginger turned a shade paler; a lump seemed to have formed in his throat.

"Miss Cresswell, did you say?"

Of course it might be a coincidence, he tried to tell himself. It was highly improbable that she was related to the man whose confidence he had betrayed. His conscience was troubling him badly.

Richardson speedily enlightened him.

"Yes, didn't you know?" he asked mockingly. "Angela Cresswell—the daughter of your old pal at Parkhurst."

Ginger passed a finger round the edge of his collar which had become unbearably tight.

"Don't you take any notice of him, Mr. Myers," smiled Angela. "He's only jealous."

Richardson's face went grim.

"Suspicious, you mean. Seeing you two together after that affair at Barber's suggests all sort of things."

"Suspicion isn't proof," pointed out Angela sweetly.

"Certainly it isn't," Ginger emphasised aggressively. "How dare you make insinuations against this young lady's character?"

Richardson only grinned.

"All right, all right! Only, since I saw her leaving the lift as I entered it this afternoon, I thought she might have had some connection with the theft."

Angela looked horrified.

"Theft? Has something been stolen?" She turned on Ginger in a blaze of temper. "Have you been trying to get me mixed up in some dirty stunt of yours?"

Ginger was hurt.

"Of course not, Miss Cresswell; as if I would."

"All I know, Mr. Richardson, is that he gave me a registered packet and asked me to post it for him."

Ginger looked at her in horror and disgust as his house of cards tumbled about his shoulders. To think that, of all the girls in London, he should have picked on such a rotten little sneak.

Richardson laid a heavy hand on his shoulder.

"Well, Ginger, not so much of the straight and narrow after all. Let's go and see what this registered parcel of yours con-

tains. And you had better come along too, Miss; we shall want you as an accessory."

Angela protested loudly, but the law was adamant. A taxi took them swiftly to the accommodation address. Richardson was jubilant as he possessed himself of the package which contained all Ginger's hopes.

Swiftly he cut the string, tore off the wrappings; then his face fell. The parcel only contained a pair of socks.

"You asked for it, you know," laughed Angela. "You had better be a bit more sure of your facts before you arrest innocent people in future."

"You are the most marvellous girl I have ever met," chuckled Ginger, when the discomfited policeman had left them. "For a moment I thought you had split on me," said Angela Cresswell severely. "And here's your share of the haul, though you don't really deserve a penny for trying to bilk Dad."

She handed him a wad of notes. When she had gone he examined them; then swore loudly as he realised the whole amount was in fivers.

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London, To-day. The Prime Minister agreed in the Commons to the suggestion of the Opposition Leader that a day should be given for a general discussion of defence before the Estimates for the individual services are taken.

He also consented to a proposal for a White Paper to be issued in advance of the debate giving details of the progress of rearmament and the work of the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence.

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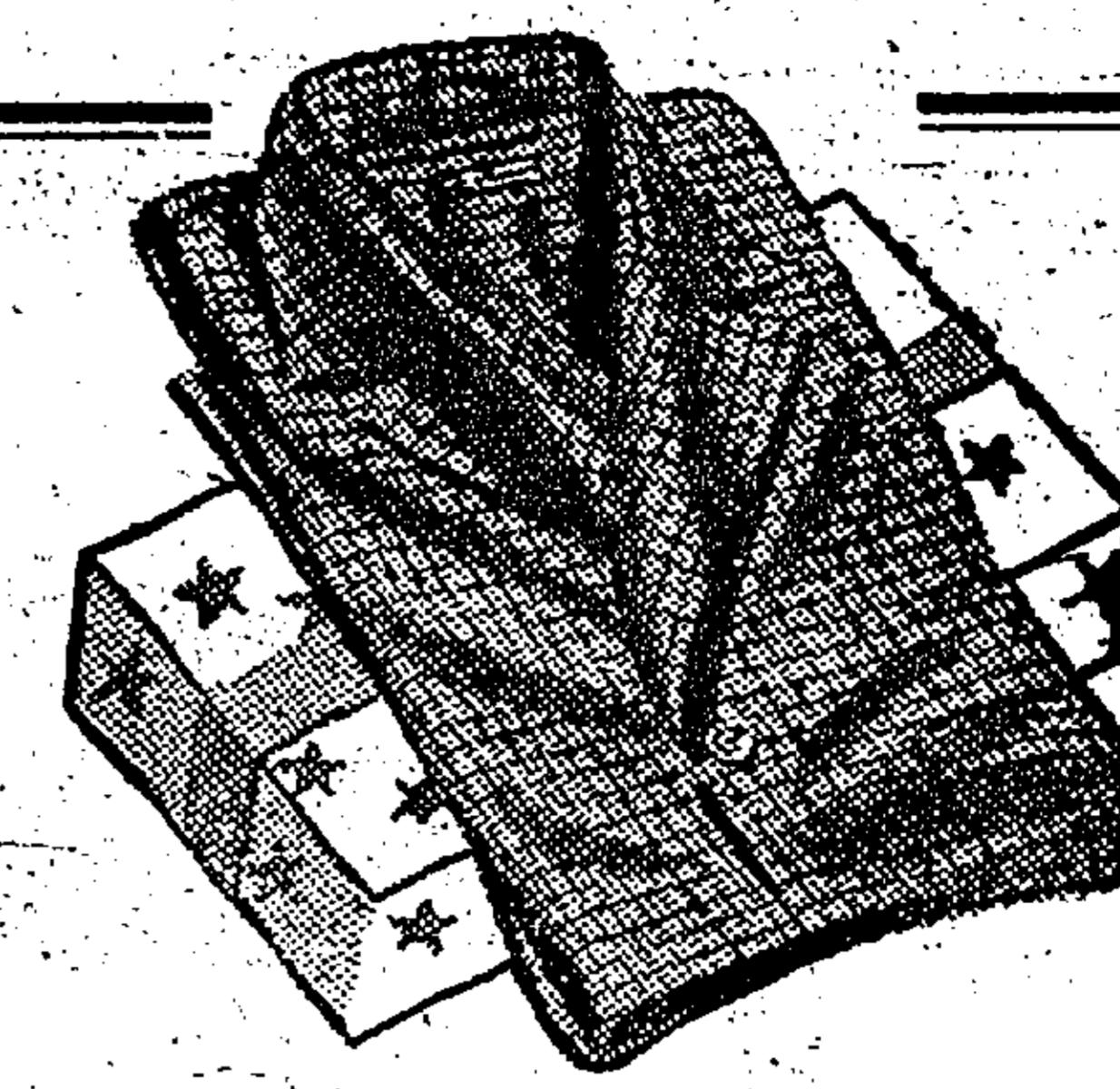
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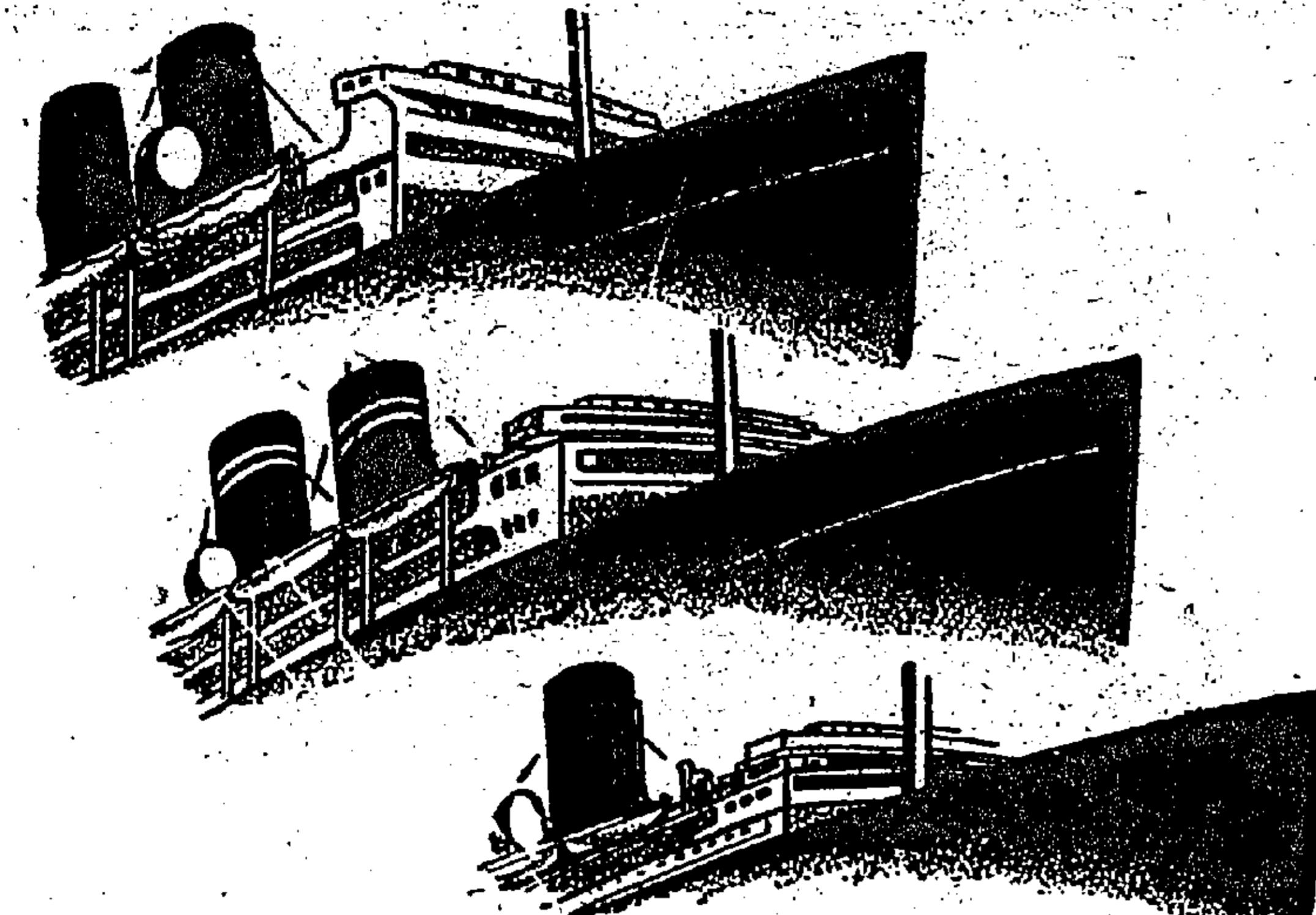
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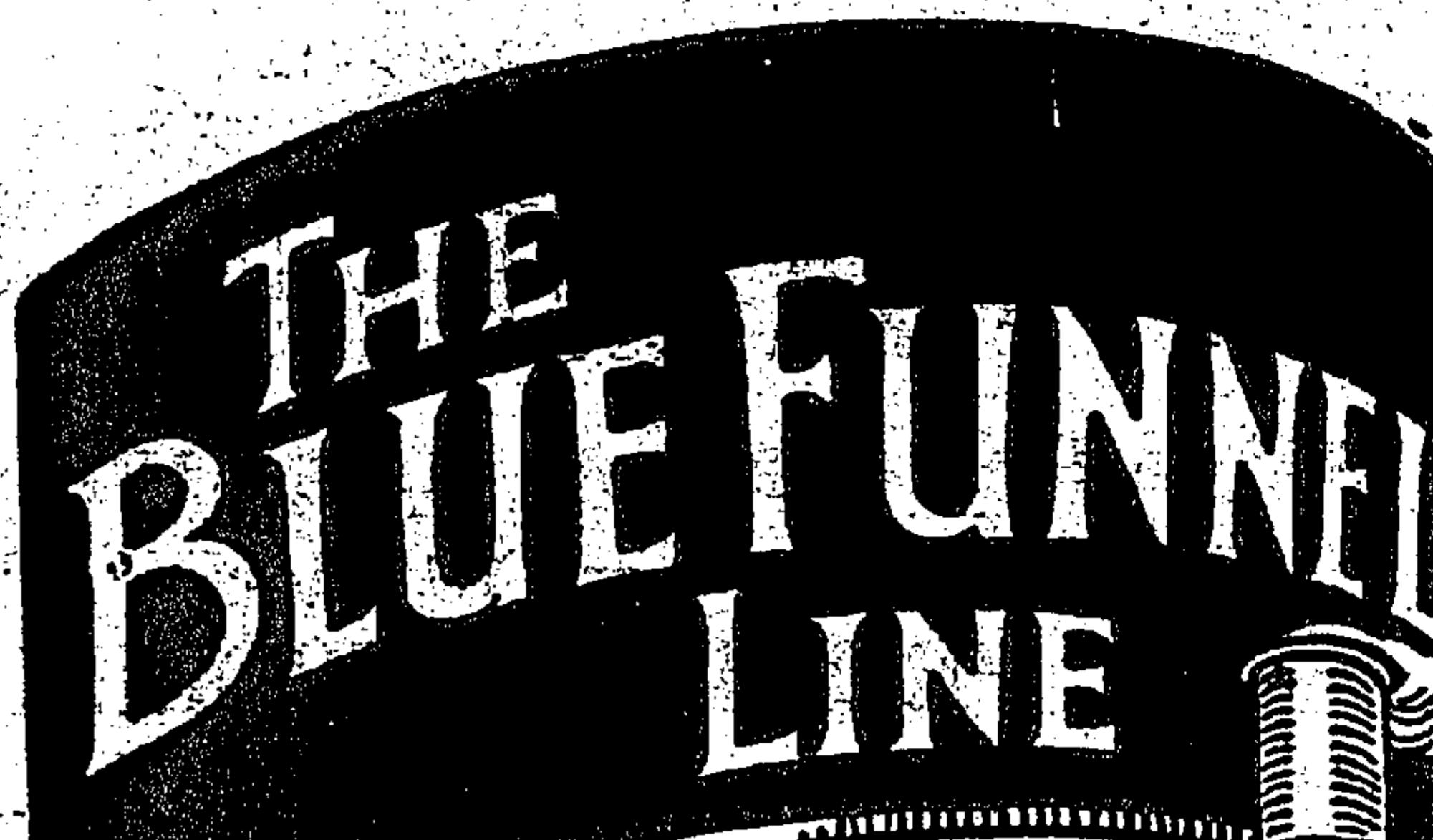


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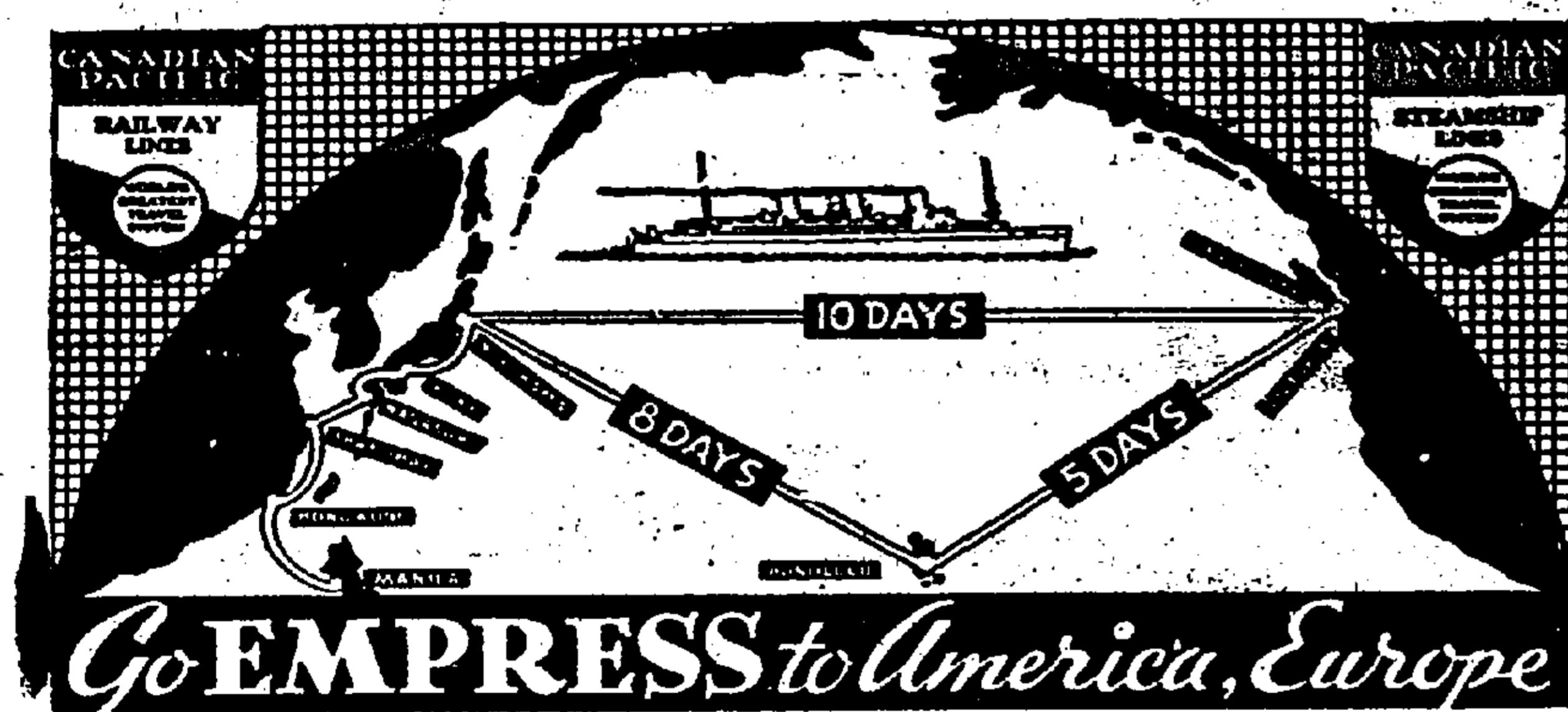
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 28th February to 9th March 1938, both days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1938.

Order of the Board.

W. L. MCKENZIE,

Secretary.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 26th February 1938, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1937.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 14th February to Saturday the 26th February 1938 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the

Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1938.

EMPIRE GAMES RESULTS

Sydney, To-day.

Australia obtained a clean sweep in the British Empire Games' Wrestling Finals which were held yesterday, winning in every weight, while on Wednesday, track and field records continued to fall, Shore, of Canada, establishing a new Games' record during the heats for the quarter mile which he covered in 47 9-10 secs.

The following were yesterday's results in the British Empire Games' Wrestling finals:

Bantamweight: Purcell (Australia). Featherweight: Purchaser (Australia).

Lightweight: Garrard (Australia). Welterweight: Trevaskis (Australia).

Middleweight: Scarf (Australia). Heavyweight: Knight (Australia).

THURSDAY'S BOXING FINALS

Following were the results of the boxing finals at the Empire Games:

Flyweight: Joubert (South Africa) 110 1/2 lbs. beat Gagnon (Canada) 112 lbs. on points.

Bantamweight: Butler (England) 118 1/2 lbs. beat Knochen (South Africa) 119 lbs. on points.

Featherweight: Hendriks (Ceylon) 127 lbs. beat Wanson (Scotland) 126 lbs. on points.

Lightweight: Groves (England) 134 1/2 lbs. beat Hurst (Canada) 135 1/4 lbs. on points.

Welterweight: Smith (Australia) 146 lbs. beat Heeney (New Zealand) 143 lbs. on points.

Middleweight: Reardon (Wales) 159 1/2 lbs. beat Dennis (England) 159 1/4 lbs. on points.

Light-Heavyweight: Wolmerans (South Africa) 175 lbs. beat Overall (Australia) 172 lbs. on points.

Heavyweight: Osborne (Canada) 197 lbs. beat Sterley (South Africa) 189 lbs. on points. Reuter.

Thursday's Results

Long Jump

Won by Brown (Canada) 24 feet 4 1/4 in. (Games Record).

Women's Javelin

Won by Miss Higgins (Canada) 125 feet 7 1/4 in. (Games Record).

Men's 440 Yards Relay

1. Canada; 2. England; 3. Australia. Two yards, one yard. Time: 41.6/10 secs. (Games Record).

Quarter Mile Heats

Shore (South Africa). Time: 47.9/10 secs. (Games Record).

Loaring (Canada) 49.2/10 secs.

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Women's 220 Yards Semi-finals

1. Miss Decima Norman (Australia).

2. Miss Aileen Meagher (Canada). Time: 24.5/10 secs. (Games and Australian Record), 25.1/10 secs. Reuter.

MITSUBISHI INTERESTS ISSUING BONDS

Tokyo, To-day.

Expanding its capital structure, along with an increase in productive power, the Mitsubishi Heavy Industry Company announces that it is issuing bonds totalling 30,000,000 yen. Approval of the bond issue was given by the inquiry committee of the Bank of Japan.

Company officials are conferring with members of a banking syndicate regarding details of the issue, and will seek approval of stockholders at a general meeting on February 25.

The debentures, which will bear 4.3 per cent. and maturing in ten years, will not be monopolised by one financial group, it was stated. Reuter.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippines against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of Small-pox.

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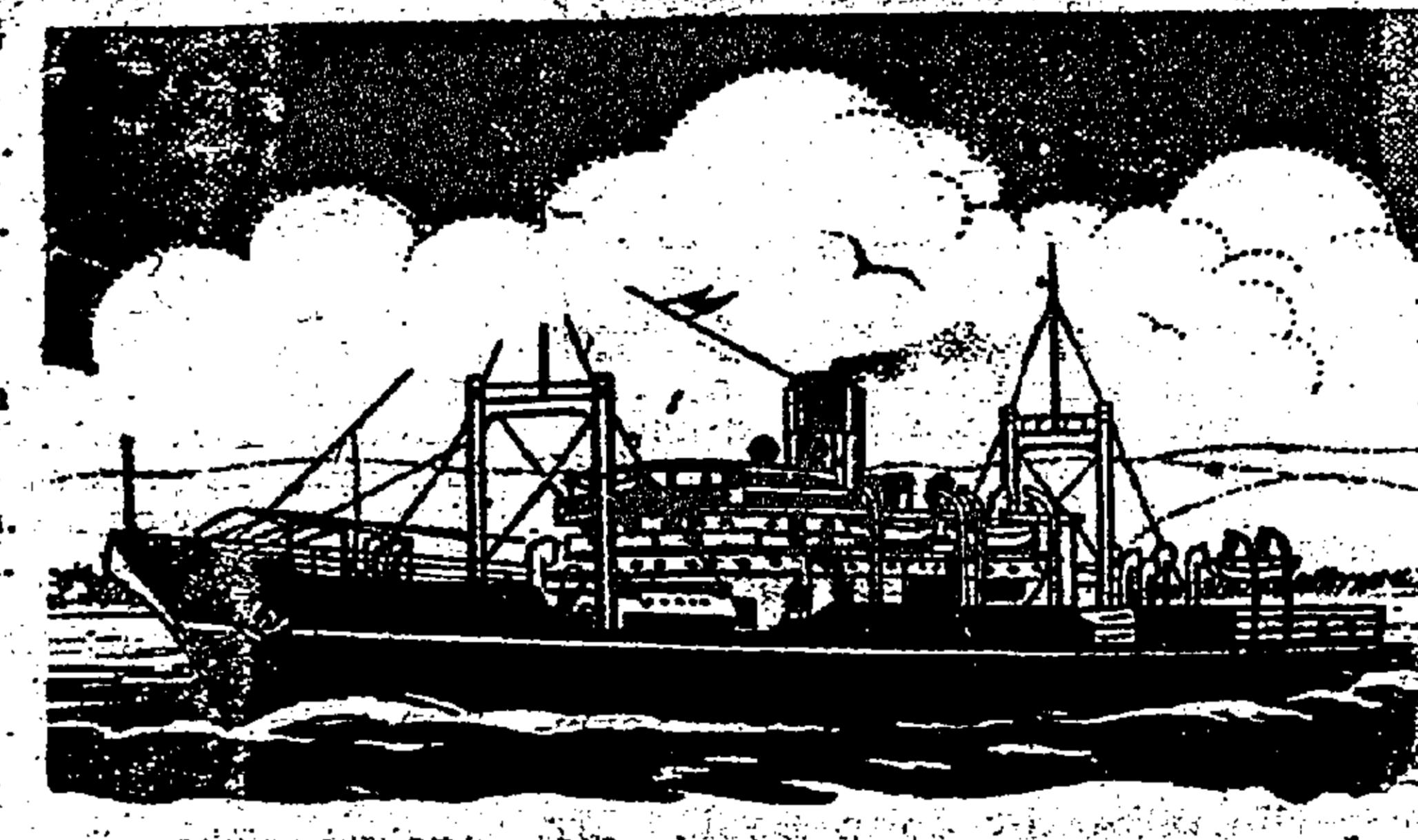
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LITTLE AUDREY AND CRIFFEL SHOULD CATCH THE EYE

TORNADO STAR MAY BE IN RUNNING

(By "RAPIER")
IN DISCUSSING PROSPECTS AMONG THE NEW AUSTRALIAN PONIES, I FEEL THAT THE PROBLEM IS NOT DIFFICULT FOR, APART FROM EIGHT WHICH I COULD NAME AS BEING MORE OR LESS OUTSTANDING, THE OTHERS, I AM AFRAID, HAVE NOT COME UP TO EXPECTATIONS. AT THE OUTSET, THEREFORE, IT MAY BE OF INTEREST IF I WERE TO NAME THE PONIES WHICH I REGARD AS BEING LIKELY WINNERS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:—

LITTLE AUDREY,
CRIFFEL,
BREDON,
CAPE YORK,
MACQUARIE RIVER,
TORNADO STAR,
KING'S PRIVILEGE,
ANNABELLA.

Although the Rooty-Hill Derby does not, on the surface, attract the same amount of attention as the Hong Kong Derby, it is, nevertheless, considered a great honour among owners to win this classic event.

Ever since Australian ponies were first introduced on the local track, Mr. D. S. Li has had the most wins, on ponies which Kong Bros. have owned, in addition to which he won last year's race on Gypsy Love.

TORNADO STAR

At first glance, it would appear that out of their four new Australian ponies—Torpedo Star, Colorado Star, The Typhoon and Tornado Star—the last named is regarded as the best, and it will probably be Mr. Li's mount for the coming Australian Derby.

I am not expecting the others to cause any worry, but Tornado Star is certainly the best of the bunch, although I cannot see it winning the classic, even with the assistance of such a brilliant jockey as Mr. D. S. Li.

LITTLE AUDREY

Readers will have observed that I have placed Little Audrey at the head of my list, and in my estimation it will probably have been proved the best by the time the Annual Meeting is over. It is jointly owned by Messrs. Wolf and Harrison, and as I have seen Mr. H. C. Pih training it at the morning gallops, it is safe for me to say that he will have charge of Little Audrey in its initial appearance, especially in the Rooty-Hill Derby.

There is no doubt that Little Audrey is a fine pony, and the one occasion that I saw it taken over the 1½ miles distance, which it finished with practically no effort, has stamped its name on my mind as the potential winner of this great race.

I must state, however, that in either King's Privilege or Crifel, Little Audrey will meet with stern opposition.

TWO OUTSTANDING MOUNTS

Training times have revealed that



After a year's absence from the local turf, Liberty Bay, seen above with Mr. L. G. Frost, has returned to the local turf in tip top condition and should easily win the 1938 champions.

King's Privilege and Crifel are both outstanding ponies. The former is owned by the Dynasty Stable, and the latter by John Peel. Mr. Needa has the choice of either of them, and the one he will take out in the Derby will be the pony to watch against Little Audrey.

I cannot recall on any previous occasion when Mr. Tam Pearce had any luck with a really good Australian pony, but in King's Privilege he has one in a hundred.

By its looks, it may not appear that this pony has the requisite stamina to last out a long race, and it does not seem to be as strong as Little Audrey, but it certainly has the speed. It was taken out by Mr. Needa for a trial spin last Friday morning, and it finished the mile in 2:00.2 minutes.

MR. NEEDA'S MOUNT?

Mr. Needa also galloped Crifel over the mile, and its time was better than that of King's Privilege by about two seconds. As a result of this performance, I expect to see Crifel going out to the post for the Rooty-Hill Derby under Mr. Needa, leaving King's Privilege for some of the other shorter events, in which it will have to be seriously reckoned with.

Personally, I rather prefer Crifel, but it is never safe to base an opinion on mere appearance.

MR. TINSON'S CHANCES

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, the owner of Bag Tor and Vixen Tor, has again been fortunate in securing another fine animal in Bredon. This pony is a sprinter, I shall not be far wrong in stating that it should carry off one of the Sydney Maidens, which will be contested on the first day of racing week. Bredon does not seem to like the starting barrier, however, and in spite of attempts having been made to break down its fear of the gate, it is still causing a little misgiving to its stable connections.

It will be Mr. Benny Proulx's mount, and, knowing his ability to get off to

LIBERTY BAY NOW FAVOURITE FOR 1938 CHAMPIONS

BLANDFORD MAY PROVE PUNTER'S CHOICE

ABLE AMAZON MUST BE WATCHED

(By "RAPIER")

HAVING given my views on the new ponies in previous articles, I feel that it may be desirable if I were to say a few words regarding the old favourites, whose form is pretty well known. In the Dunbar Stable we have Liberty Bay, Bear Claw, Wild Life, Red Feather, Boolat Bay, but I am afraid that I have no information on Diana Bay, and I have not yet spotted it in training.

THE PRESENCE OF LIBERTY BAY WILL AGAIN ROB THE RACES IN WHICH IT WILL APPEAR OF MUCH INTEREST, BUT APART FROM THIS I AM SURE THAT RACING FANS GENERALLY WILL BE GLAD TO SEE THIS UNDEFEATED CHAMPION MAKING AN APPEARANCE AFTER AN ENFORCED ABSENCE OF FULLY A YEAR.

There is no doubt that it has fully recovered from the injury which kept it away from racing last year. It is now in fine condition, and it should win the 1938 Champion Stakes without difficulty.

Bear Claw is also looking well, but with Mr. Needa riding King's Warden, it will have to be on top form to win when these two meet again. Wild Life, Red Feather and Boolat Bay are also trained up to the mark.

The Sassoon Stable have Happy Eve, Havoc Eve, Honeymoon Eve (China ponies) and Courting Eve (Australian), and in the hands of Mr. Marshall they should do well. Happy Eve, in particular, and Havoc Eve also, is very fit.

DYNASTY STABLE

In the Dynasty Stable, King's Warden, King's Lead and King's Coronation will be under the control of Mr. Needa, and I expect to see the first named giving a good account of itself against either Bear Claw or Happy Eve, although it was beaten by both these ponies on a previous occasion.

Mr. Eu Tong Sen's old ponies Rose Queen (which came in second in the Derby to Herod in 1935), Potentate, Rob Roy, Dick Turpin, Blandford and Rose Evelyn, are all looking fit.

The long awaited clash between Rose Evelyn and Gordito should prove most interesting, and in the event of Blandford running against either Able Amazon or Strathroy, just remember that Blandford very nearly won the Queensland Champions last December.

A FINE ARRAY

Expansion Time and A Great Time, belonging to Mr. Li Po Chun, are the best in this stable, and with Mr. Pote Hunt on top they ought to do well.

Mr. Li Lan Sang's old ponies, although not of superior quality, are nearly always well trained and he has Cossack's Beauty, Bright View, Night View, Plain View, Wild Cat and Tabby

a good start. I think we can safely leave it to Mr. Proulx to accomplish the necessary.

ANOTHER FANCY

There is another pony which I fancy for the Rooty-Hill Derby—Cape York, which is owned by Mr. S. T. Chau.

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Cat, certainly a fine array of ponies to carry his colours.

Messrs. Kong Bros. have Able Amazon, whose brilliant return to form last year was an outstanding event.

They also have Dawn Star and Tiny Star.

THE AUSTRALIANS

Among the Australian ponies, it seems to me that Strathroy has recovered somewhat from its lapse last year, and, if appearance is any criterion, I would say that it should win several races, even against Able Amazon or Blandford.

Mr. Needa had a gallop on Electron the other morning, and it would appear, therefore, that will be taking it out. Watch out for Electron as the pony is fighting fit.

Lancashire Chips is also looking a picture of fitness, as is Double Finesse, and they should both be prominent over short distance events.

GORDITO FANCIED

The best subscription griffins, China ponies, of past years are undoubtedly Rose Evelyn, Wild Cat, Bistre, Gordito, Tiny Star, and possibly Racing Boy.

The long awaited clash between Rose Evelyn and Gordito should prove most interesting, and in the event of Blandford running against either Able Amazon or Strathroy, just remember that Blandford very nearly won the Queensland Champions last December.

A FINE ARRAY

Expansion Time and A Great Time, belonging to Mr. Li Po Chun, are the best in this stable, and with Mr. Pote Hunt on top they ought to do well.

Mr. Li Lan Sang's old ponies, although not of superior quality, are nearly always well trained and he has Cossack's Beauty, Bright View, Night View, Plain View, Wild Cat and Tabby

a good start. I think we can safely leave it to Mr. Proulx to accomplish the necessary.

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After its defeat in the Derby in 1936, Royal Scot was relegated to the "C" Class, but it was not long before the Jockey Club officials found that they had made a mistake, and, without running a race in "B" Class company, Royal Scot went straight up to "A" Class.

FURTHER RACING NOTES BY "RAPIER" WILL BE FOUND ON PAGES 19 AND 21.

"RAPIER" REVIEWS NEW SUB-GRIFFINS

ONLY MODERATE: LATE ARRIVAL THE PROBABLE REASON VALLEY STAKES WILL BE HOTLY CONTESTED FEI YING, ARABIAN CAT AND PLANCHET THE PICK

(By "RAPIER")

AFTER having watched the new subscription griffins, China ponies, in training for a lengthy period, I have reached the conclusion that on the whole they can be regarded as a moderate lot. This may possibly be accounted for by the fact that, due to their late arrival in the Colony, their training has not been too well advanced.

As to be expected, there are quite a few which can be discarded, but there are also several which have made good progress.

I am of the opinion, nevertheless, that there is not one pony which comes up to the same standard of either Gordito or Racing Boy. This opinion, of course, is liable to be falsified, as was the case last year, when Gordito confounded its critics by its brilliant performances after having been practically neglected in the Valley Stakes.

Gordito's training was kept a secret, and it is quite possible that among the new ponies there is one whose training has also been conducted on the same basis. I feel confident, however, that the ponies I am about to name are among the best, and they should be borne in mind accordingly.

The Valley Stakes has for the past two years provided very keen competition, and the finish in both instances was most exciting. It was won in 1936 by Wild Cat (Mr. T. L. Wong) and in 1937 by Pagan Love (Mr. F. Marshall).

It will be recalled that last year Pagan Love was tipped as a likely winner, and I nominate a probable winner this year in Fei Ying, which will also be ridden by Mr. Marshall.

This pony is certainly a fast mover over short distances, and its gallop last Sunday morning had the desired effect of making it a favourite for the Valley Stakes.

GOOD CHALLENGER

In Arabian Cat, Mr. Li Lan Sang has a pony which is quite capable of extending Fei Ying. It will be ridden by Mr. T. L. Wong, and if it does not win the Valley Stakes, I have no doubt that it will be in at the finish. At one stage I was rather keen on Planchet, belonging to Mr. F. C. Hall, but I am afraid it will not be fast enough yet over six furlongs.

There is no doubt, however, that Planchet is good, and as it will probably be ridden by Mr. V. Needa its chances of winning the Valley Stakes should not be ignored. This pony is definitely a menace over long distance events, and it should be followed accordingly.

Mr. John Peel has a good pony in Merrick, and it is likely that Mr. Needa will take it out in the Valley Stakes instead of Planchet, in which event I recommend bearing Merrick in mind as a strong contender in this race.

THE LEOPARD

In past years, Messrs. Tester & Abraham were rather fortunate in the draw for subscription griffins. They had The Panther and The Gorilla, and this year they have The Leopard.

This pony is impressive looking, and it will be taken out in the Valley Stakes by Mr. William Wu, who has had considerable experience in racing in North China.

Whether The Leopard can win this important event is difficult to forecast, but it will certainly be worth following, and an upset here is not altogether out of the reckoning.

Mr. Wong Sui-Ngau's Salvage Master has also been whispered about as a potential winner of the Valley Stakes, and it will be Mr. Don Black's mount. In training, Salvage Master has invariably beaten its stable companion, Shipmaster, and this alone should justify a certain amount of confidence being placed on it. I rather like the



appearance of Salvage Master.
AN "UPSETTING HABIT"

In Louis XIV we have a pony which has not been in the limelight at all whilst in training, but all the same I think it should be noted as a good pony. It will probably be taken out in the Valley Stakes by Mr. S. W. Tang, who has the habit of creating upsets when least expected.

Although I am mentioning it somewhat late, I recommend a careful note being taken of Smiling Thru, which is undoubtedly the best among Mr. Eu Tong-Sen's new subscription griffins.

This stable had a good pony in Rose Evelyn, in 1936, and in Smiling Thru they have another pony which will follow very closely in the footsteps of Rose Evelyn.

It will definitely be taken out in the Valley Stakes by Mr. Encarnacao, whose knowledge of China ponies is rated very high.

PIET HEIN

At the early stage of training, Piet Hein was talked about as one of the best among this year's new subscription griffins, and some even went so far as to nominate it as the likely winner of The Valley Stakes.

It will be ridden by Mr. Chao, who came down last year from Shanghai, and I can substantiate the good things said about Piet Hein.

I cannot feel too confident about it winning the Valley Stakes, however, but it should prove useful to its owners in some other less important events.

The ponies I have named above are about the best, and I recommend keeping them in mind. There are also other less prominent ponies, and for short distance events, i.e. the Wong Nei Chung Stakes, I suggest the following:

Final Triumph
Astrik
Ferrybridge
The Scholar
Sunshine Stale
Charybdis
Jack High
National Force
Mac's Second Venture
Ali Baba
Borrachito.

"RAPIER" DISCUSSES JOCKEYS' PROSPECTS FOR THE FORTHCOMING ANNUAL MEETING ON PAGE 21



Sir Victor Sassoon, Bt., leading in Happy Eve (Mr. V. V. Needa up) after its remarkably easy win in the 1937 Hong Kong Derby.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES FOR ROOTY HILL DERBY

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I cannot say very much about Macquarie River beyond the fact that it has the stamp of a classy animal. I have not had much of an opportunity of watching its training, but the last time I saw it I was impressed.

SYDNEY MAIDENS WINNER?

When the new Australian ponies first arrived in the Colony, there was one which created a good deal of discussion as a possible winner. It was numbered No. H45, and subsequently named Annabella, by Messrs. Li & Edgar. This pony has since more than justified expectations, and I had practically made up my mind to suggest it as a winner of one of the two Sydney Maidens.

Messrs. Li & Edgar were certainly lucky in this respect, their first venture into active participation in local racing, but their dismay can only be left to your imagination when it is realised that Annabella has been found to be a little stiff, thus impeding its further training.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanton own Maya, which is quite sturdily built, but after watching its gallop last Tuesday morning I am not too enthusiastic about it.

but if it should appear on the first day in a sprint event back it by all means, as Annabella is undoubtedly a speedy merchant, resembling Lancashire Chips in appearance. I can recommend it for short to medium distance races, but beyond a mile I should leave it alone.

MR. WILLIAMSON'S STRING

Mr. S. T. Williamson has three new Australian ponies—Sea Imp, Sea Spray and Sea Urchin. The last named appeals to me as being the best, and it will probably be Mr. Don Black's mount in the Rooty Hill Derby.

In training, Sea Urchin has nearly always finished well against its stable companions, and whilst I cannot say that it is of the same class as the ones I have named above, I believe that this pony will win a race or two.

Mr. Seth's See That is a nice looking pony in appearance, and, although at the moment I cannot recommend it for any event, I feel that this animal will develop into a good pony.

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POPE INCREASES LEAD IN WICKETS AGGREGATE

(By "ADREM")

AS THE RESULT OF HIS CENTURY LAST SATURDAY AGAINST THE KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB, H. J. ARMSTRONG, OF THE HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB, TAKES A BIG JUMP IN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE CRICKET AVERAGES PUBLISHED BELOW, AND NOW OCCUPIES THE SECOND POSITION IN THE BATTING.

I omitted to mention last week that Cpl. Webb, of Army "B" who has not the necessary number of innings to qualify, has scored 141 runs in his solitary knock—against the H.K.C.C. a fortnight ago—and is likely to make his presence felt in the averages before very much longer.

L. G. Gosano, who topped the bowling last week, met with scant success against the Navy but still lies well up, being second only to Pte. Hatfield, of Army "A".

C. POPE OF THE POLICE, WITH 35 WICKETS, IS NOW 8 WICKETS AHEAD, IN AGGREGATE, OF HIS NEAREST RIVAL.

C. P. O. Hutley, who has represented the United Services, is prominently featured in both lists.

RAPLEY HAS FINE AGGREGATE

SECOND DIVISION—BATTING

(Qualification, three innings, average of 15 and over)

	Inns.	H.S.	Not	Out	Aggr.	Avg.
L. S. A. Fynn (Navy)	5	77	1	257	64.25	
H. J. Armstrong (H.K.C.C.)	3	106	0	150	50.00	
H. C. Daniels (C.S.C.C.)	4	100*	1	144	48.00	
W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.)	7	88*	1	244	40.67	
J. Tsui (University)	4	95	0	152	38.00	
W. Rapley (C.C.C.)	8	89*	1	254	36.28	
R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	6	88*	2	144	36.00	
C. P. O. Hutley (Navy)	5	58	1	139	34.75	
Lt. Webster (Navy)	4	68*	1	96	32.00	
C. W. E. Bishop (H.K.C.C.)	7	55*	1	191	31.83	
D. Hung (C.C.C.)	7	49	0	220	31.43	
W. L. Clarke (Police)	5	75	1	114	28.50	
Ismail Ali (I.R.C.)	8	66	1	196	28.00	
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)	8	60	1	186	26.57	
B. R. Irane (C.C.C.)	8	30*	5	77	25.67	
Sgt. Paterson (Army "B")	8	40	1	176	25.14	
K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	8	31*	2	148	24.67	
S. M. Northcote (Army "A")	6	41	0	146	24.33	
R. Singh (University)	6	10	5	24	24.00	
A. Zimern (C.C.C.)	7	60	0	165	23.56	
A. E. Carey (Police)	8	55	0	175	21.88	
H. P. Lim (C.C.C.)	4	50	0	83	20.75	
R. S. W. Paterson (H.K.C.C.)	7	53	0	144	20.57	
G. A. Lee (C.C.C.)	8	48	2	121	20.17	
J. L. Stephens (Police)	6	61	1	100	20.00	
V. C. Bond (H.K.C.C.)	3	23	1	36	18.00	

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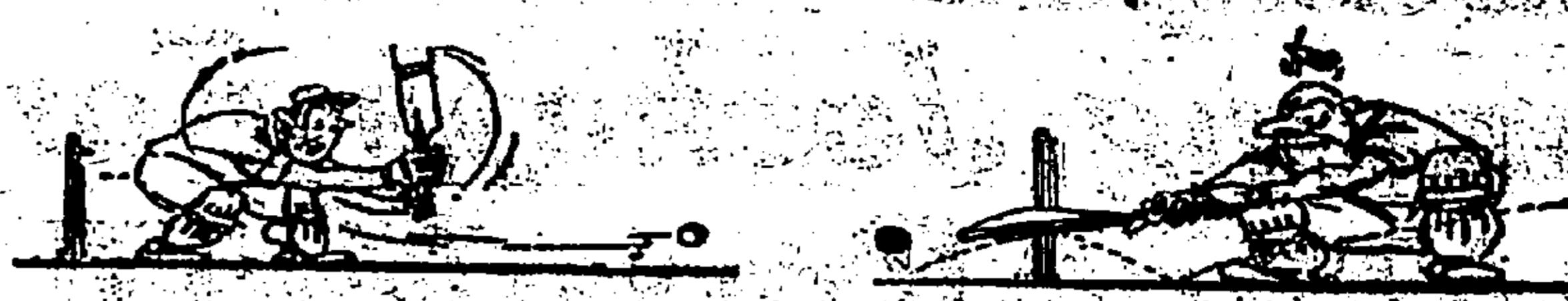
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Sgt. Paynter (Army "B")	6	76	0	108	18.00	
Q. M. S. Eaton (Army "A")	6	46	0	107	17.84	
Sgt. Baker (Army "A")	6	66	0	101	16.84	
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	8	37	1	117	16.71	
P. H. Loughlin (Police)	8	41	0	132	16.50	
Lt. Ingram (Army "A")	7	57	0	115	16.43	
C. Pope (Police)	8	57	0	131	16.38	
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.C.C.)	3	32	0	48	16.00	
H. M. Xavier (C. de R.)	5	42*	1	63	15.75	
K. S. Oh (University)	7	48	0	110	15.71	
Ldg. Tel. Woods (Navy)	3	28	0	47	15.67	
A. E. Noronha (C. de R.)	7	31*	1	94	15.67	
Sgt. Bloomfield (Army "A")	6	27	2	62	15.50	

* Signifies not out.

SECOND DIVISION—BOWLING

(Qualification, two matches, average of 20 and under)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
Pte. Hatfield (Army "A")	31.4	12	67	13	5.16
L. G. Gosano (C. de R.)	69.1	20	144	25	5.76
C.P.O. Hutley (Navy)	9.5	1	40	6	6.66
C. Pope (Police)	107.3	27	255	35	7.28
Lt. Rankin (Navy)	9	1	22	3	7.33
A. E. Carey (Police)	19	3	54	7	7.71
Ldg. Wtr. Church (Navy)	37.1	11	79	10	7.90
B. R. Irane (C.C.C.)	75	21	187	23	8.13
Ldg. Tel. Woods (Navy)	28.5	2	85	10	8.50
C. W. E. Bishop (H.K.C.C.)	10	2	35	4	8.75
Ldg. Wtr. Jeffery (Navy)	88.5	18	250	27	9.26
Sgt. Goodger (Army "A")	72	10	228	24	9.50
Cpl. Thompson (Army "B")	19	3	57	6	9.50
Pte. Chatton (Army "A")	14.3	3	48	5	9.60
Spr. Hoddinott (Army "B")	20	1	89	9	9.89
J. Tsui (University)	20	3	80	8	10.00
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	34	2	134	13	10.30
E. A. R. Alves (C. de R.)	63	22	145	14	10.36
B. G. Baker (Police)	68.5	15	209	20	10.45
A. Kitchell (C.C.C.)	29.4	6	95	9	10.56
K. L. Ng (University)	73.1	16	262	26	10.77
Q.M.S. Eaton (Army "A")	31.5	4	98	9	10.89
W. Rapley (C.C.C.)	17	5	44	4	11.00
N. P. Fox (H.K.C.C.)	35	7	122	11	11.09
Sig. Parsons (Army "B")	49	12	156	14	11.14
G. E. R. Divett (H.K.C.C.)	33	10	115	10	11.50
D. S. Robb (H.K.C.C.)	48	10	159	13	12.23
H. T. Barma (I.R.C.)	4	0	37	3	12.33
Ismail Ali (I.R.C.)	78.3	6	359	28	12.82
C. H. Teoh (University)	43.3	6	167	13	12.85
Pte. Coombes (Army "B")	55.5	8	219	17	12.88
D. S. Blake (H.K.C.C.)	2.1	0	13	1	13.00
A. B. Dale (Navy)	21	2	65	5	13.00
F. E. E. Booker (C.S.C.C.)	43	2	171	13	13.15
Sgt. Bloomfield (Army "A")	31.5	2	119	9	13.22
G. Hong Choy (University)	13	1	53	4	13.25
R. G. Robertson (C.S.C.C.)	46	7	159	12	13.25
M. R. Swain (H.K.C.C.)	40	8	132	9	14.67
Cpl. Hoperoff (Army "B")	33.4	7	89	6	14.83
J. F. MacGowan (C.S.C.C.)	57	14	197	13	15.15
W. L. McKenzie (K.C.C.)	68	8	236	15	15.73
G. Winch (C.C.C.)	67	11	227	14	16.21
V. C. Bond (H.K.C.C.)	24	4	83	5	16.60
C. Haynes (C.S.C.C.)	40.2	5	118	7	16.86
J. R. Luke (K.C.C.)	67	7	204	12	17.90
Mus. Johnston (Navy)	19	3	53	3	17.67
J. M. A. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	62	13	214	12	17.83
F. H. Carvalho (C. de R.)	19.2	1	92	5	18.40
C. B. R.					

Galaxy Of Talent Among Jockeys For Annual Race Meet

MR. H. MAITLAND WILL
RIDE FOR
DUNBAR STABLE
MANY CHINESE JOCKEYS
FROM NORTH

(By "RAPIER")

WITH THE 1938 ANNUAL RACE MEETING GRADUALLY DRAWING NEAR, IT WOULD NO DOUBT BE OF INTEREST TO MY READERS TO HAVE SOME INFORMATION REGARDING THE JOCKEYS. WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF MR. D. S. LI, WHOSE ARRIVAL IS STILL UNCERTAIN, I BELIEVE THAT THIS YEAR WILL SEE A MUCH GREATER NUMBER OF JOCKEYS FROM SHANGHAI THAN HITHERTO, SOME OF THEM MAKING THEIR FIRST APPEARANCE ON THE LOCAL TRACK, AUGMENTED BY OUR LOCAL RIDERS, OWNERS SHOULD BE WELL PROVIDED FOR IN THIS DEPARTMENT.

During the 1936 and 1937 Meetings, Mr. V. V. Needa handled the string of ponies owned by the Sassoon Stable, and he won the Derby in both years, on Honeymoon Eve and Happy Eve respectively. This year he has changed places with Mr. F. Marshall, who will take charge of the Sassoon ponies, whilst Mr. Needa will take over the Dynasty Stable, and possibly the ponies belonging to Messrs. F. C. Hall and John Peel.

Both these well-known jockeys have been riding consistently in Hong Kong for a number of years, and are both capable of securing the best out of their mounts.

In 1935 and 1936 Mr. C. Encarnacao came down on behalf of Mr. Eu Tong Sen, but his place was taken by Mr. Leighton last year. It will be remembered that Mr. Encarnacao won the Derby on President Hall, thus bringing this honour for the first time to a Chinese owner, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, who is no longer taking an active part in racing, although he is a constant visitor at race meetings.

GRAND OPPORTUNITY

This year Mr. Encarnacao has a grand opportunity of duplicating his previous success, as in Desert Chief Mr. Eu Tong Sen has a great-hearted pony which is quite capable of winning the Derby.

Although it would seem that our annual race meeting would be incomplete without the presence of Mr. D. S. Li, there is a little doubt as to whether he is coming down this year. I have not yet seen him during morning trials, and it may be that, as was the case last year, he will arrive just before the commencement of racing.

Mr. D. S. Li is the stable jockey for Kong Bros. and in Mr. In Kui Ying he will find a reliable partner.

H. MAITLAND COMING

Since winning the Hong Kong Derby on Sitting Bull in 1928 for Mrs. L. Dunbar, Mr. H. Maitland has not ridden in Hong Kong. In the absence of Mr. L. G. Frost, Mr. L. Dunbar has secured the services of Mr. Maitland, whose reputation in Shanghai is well-known to all.

Mr. Maitland has a good chance of carrying off the Blue Riband on Confusion Bay, which came into prominence after its convincing gallop last Sunday morning, when it finished the 1 1/4 miles distance in a little under 2.40. With Liberty Bay, and Best Claw, and the other Dunbar ponies, Mr. Maitland should enjoy quite a successful meeting.

DIFFICULT PROBLEM

Mr. Li Lan Sang will again have the services of Mr. T. L. Wong, who did quite well last year, and in the event of inclement weather, watch out for him on Cossack's Beauty.

Mr. Li Po Chun's string of ponies is enlarging every year, and he has now quite a formidable array of entrants for the various events. Mr. Jimmy Pote-Hunt is again the stable jockey. He came in second in the Derby last year, on Expansion Time, and on either Advancing Time or Just

In Time he should again be in the limelight.

FIRST TIME OUT

Mr. R. B. Moller will be riding his own nomination in the Derby, and in Silkylight I see a potential menace to either Desert Chief and Confusion Bay. This is, I believe, Mr. Moller's first experience on the local track.

It is indeed good news that Mr. A. Noodt is also coming down. He is the brother of Mr. F. Noodt, who used to ride in Hong Kong, and I understand that he is booked by the Gordos stable, the owner of Gordito and Borrachito.

Mr. A. W. Raymond is another promising jockey who will handle Mr. Lancashire's ponies. He was here during the Twelfth Extra Race Meeting, when he rode Gold Coin for Mr. Li Tse Fong.

DON BLACK'S CHARGES

Mr. Don Black, our champion jockey of 1936, will be riding for Messrs. Macgregor, Williamson, Sir V. M. Grayburn and Wong Sui Ngau, in addition to which he will most likely ride second string for Mr. Dunbar.

The Marber stable has certainly shown good judgement in booking Mr. B. L. Tao, and this was done some months ago. There is no doubt that Mr. Tao's experience will prove useful, and I expect to see him win a race or two on Jober and Vibex.

MR. PIH'S MOUNTS

Then we have our local champion Mr. S. C. Liang, who will certainly be given various mounts. Mr. William Wu will be riding for Messrs. Tester and Abraham, and Mr. H. C. Pih is the jockey for the Why stable. It is said that in National Pride Mr. Pih has a good thing for the Derby.

I understand that Mr. V. G. Sung, who rode with such conspicuous success on Gordito last year, is also coming down, although in the nature of a holiday. Small owners will no doubt take advantage of his presence to help them out.

Messrs. W. N. S. Davis and L. P. Ralph are both excellent riders of Australian ponies, and with Mr. Benny Proulx as his jockey, Mr. Tinson's ponies are in capable hands. It may be worth mentioning that Mr. Proulx won the Derby a few years ago, on Hydroplane.

MR. DEITZ AN ABSENTEE

I have not seen Mr. Deitz at morning training, and cannot say whether he will be available during race week. I, therefore, expect that Mr. Pov will be second string jockey to Mr. Encarnacao. Mr. Pov has made remarkable progress within recent months, and the same remarks apply to Mr. S. W. Tang, whose win on Red Feather in the St. Andrew's Stakes, was a creditable performance.

It would appear, therefore, with such a galaxy of talent available among the jockeys, that racing at this Meeting will be very keenly contested.

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Local Rugby International Series To-morrow

The first rounds of the annual Rugby Football International Tournament will be played on the Club ground, at Happy Valley, to-morrow.

Commencing at 3.00 p.m., England will play Wales, the match being refereed by Dr. J. A. R. Selby. This game will be followed at 4.15 p.m. by the Scotland v. Ireland match, which will be refereed by Mr. D. W. MacEwen.

The teams will play in the following colours: — England—White, Wales—Red, Scotland—Blue, Ireland—Club.

Teams have been selected as follows:

England: G. Low (Club); A. B. Northcott (Adventure), Cpl. Sowerbutts (R.A.F.), A. H. R. Butcher (Club), Sgt. Pratt (Seafarths); Lt. Walshaw (Adventure) (Captain), Sgt. Bailey (R.A.M.C.); Sgt. Burston (Adventure), Pte. Knowles (Seafarths), W. E. Peers (Club); C. F. Needham (Club), Cpl. Wainscote (R.C. of S.); Lt. Woods (Grampus), C/ERA Martin (Adventure) and Lt. Ogle (Phoenix).

Ireland: Lt. Gray (Folkestone); M. W. MacGrath (Club), E. R. A. Docherty (Folkestone), Pte. Rainey (Seafarths), Surg/Lt. Bradbury (Cumberland), C. W. Lyle (Club), Paymstr/Lt. Roantree (Adventure); L/Tel. Crabbe (Adventure), Capt. Gillespie (R.E.) (Captain), Sgt. Aitken (Cumberland); B. Hynes (Club), Pte. Sheean (Middlesex); Bdr. Page (5th A.A. Bde. R.A.); A. B. Crabbe (Adventure) and Cpl. Lister (R.A.F.).

La Boheme
By La Scala
Artistes

12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass).
Dere's A Man Goin' Roun' Takin' Names (Brown).
Work All De Summer; Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel (arr. Brown). Deep River (Burleigh).
12.40 p.m.—Cinema Organ Music. Frasquita Serenade (Lehar). The Whistler & His Dog (Fayor).
Robinson Cleaver at the Organ of the Regal Cinema, Bexley Heath. Musical Sweethearts.
Medley Robinson Cleaver.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. Dancer Of Seville (G. Grunow). The Two Imps (Alford).
A Fairy Ballet (C. White). Raindrops—Pizzicato For Strings (T. De La Riviere). Intermezzo—Pizzicato (Strings) (Montague Birch). Crocus Time—Serenade For Strings (T. De La Riviere). Oriental Dance—Novelty Duet (C. White). Carlsbad Doll Dance (L. Pleier).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 Mc/s 845 k.c/s : : : : ZEK 640 k.c/s.

1.40 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
3-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Exchange Quotations.
7.33 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—
Dixie Isn't Dixie Any More (from Lew Leslie's Blackbirds of 1936).
Jo-Jo, The Cannibal Kid (from Lew Leslie's Blackbirds of 1936).
..... Layaida Carter
Orchestra—Double Oh Nothing—
Selection Louis Levy & His Gaumont-British Symphony.
Vocal—
When The Robin Sings His Song Again (Parish & Coots).
One Night Of Love (film 'One Night of Love') Gracie Fields.
Piano-Accordeon Band—Holiday Hits—
Medley London Piano-Accordeon Band.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Albert Sandler (Violin).
Pale Moon (Logan, arr. Kreisler).
Allegro (Fiocco, arr. Bent and O'Neill) piano accom. by Jack Byfield.

8.10 p.m.—London Relay—'Food for Thought'. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—Gaston d'Aquino (Tenor) accompanied by E. O'Neil Shaw (Piano).
8.55 p.m.—Mozart—Quartet In E Flat Major, K. 428. Played by the Pro Arte Quartet.
9.20 p.m.—Claudia Muzio (Soprano). Norma—Casta Diva (Bellini). La Forza Del Destino—Pace Mio Dio (Verdi).
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Orchestral Selections. Overture 'Alceste' (Gluck). B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.
Hungarian Dance, No. 5 In F. Sharp Minor (Brahms).
The 'Sleeping Beauty' — Waltz (Tchaikovsky). Royal Opera Orch. Covent Garden cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
Prelude In C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2 (Rachmaninoff). Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fielder.
10.10 p.m.—Puccini's 'La Boheme' Acts 3 & 4. Sung by Rosetta Pamparini, Luba Mirella, Luigi Marini, Gino Vanilli, Tancredi Pasero, Aristide Baracchi, Salvatore Baccaloni and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan. With Orchestra.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Highway Robbery

As I announced yesterday, this week's articles follow the fortunes of a certain pair through a match-point duplicate game. In fairness to this pair, which came out with top score, I should point out that it was by far the best in a mediocre field. It was only natural, I suppose, that they should bid in a highly aggressive fashion, relying on the opponents for a gift here and there. Did I say *here* and *there*? I kibitzed this pair throughout and it seemed to me that the opponents were under the impression that it was Christmas and that they (the opponents) were Santa Claus. Yesterday I showed how one game was snatched out of thin air. Here is another instance of highway robbery:

NORTH
S.—J 8 5 2
H.—J 9 4
D.—A Q 10 6 2
C.—K

WEST EAST
S.—A S.—K 10 9 7 4
H.—Q 8 7 3 H.—A 6 5 2
D.—K J 5 D.—8 4 3
C.—Q 8 6 4 2 C.—7

SOUTH

S.—Q 6 3
H.—K 10
D.—9 7
C.—A J 10 9 5 3

The bidding (both sides vulnerable):

North East South West
Pass Pass 1 club Pass
1 diamond 1 spade 2 clubs Pass
2 no trump Pass 3 no trump Pass
Pass Pass

The only excuse I could find for South's bidding was that he was flushed with victory. His opening bid, although light, was, of course, correct as third hand in a match-point game. But when he not only rebid freely over East's spade, but, on the next round raised the no trump, I thought he had gone mad. Apparently he knew more about the opponents than I did.

East opened with the ten of spades, dummy played low, and West won with the ace. West studied the exposed South hand for

quite a while and then, obviously a slave to the dictum "lead up to weakness," returned a low diamond. Declarer let this ride to dummy's nine, then finessed on the way back. West's king and jack were picked up, and declarer cashed his two long diamonds.

East, meanwhile, had discarded one spade and one heart. Three clubs were discarded from dummy and West, holding on to his hearts for dear life, also let go clubs.

Declarer now cashed the club king and then led a spade. East put in the nine to force the queen. The club ace was then cashed and West was thrown on lead with the club queen. Having nothing left but hearts, he had to lead up to dummy's heart king. East was helpless to avert defeat. He could take only the heart ace and spade king and, thus, had to concede the ninth trick either to dummy's heart king or declarer's spade jack.

West had thrown away the defence single handed. On winning with the spade ace his correct return was a low heart. There was no reason for him to disbelieve North's diamond bid and, therefore, no sense in attacking that suit. Had the defenders knocked out the heart king at an early stage, the defeat of the contract would have been a cinch. Even with the diamond return, West still could have stopped nine tricks by hanging on to the queen and three clubs and letting go one of his "precious" hearts.

As indicated above, declarer had difficulty in discarding from dummy on the three long diamonds, and chose to let go three clubs. If, when thrown on lead with the club queen, West had had another club, it would have been as good as gold.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: If, after a player doubles, the next opponent bids, what honour tricks should partner of doubler hold in order to make a bid?

Answer: He should have at least one honour trick and a bidable suit, or one-half honour trick and a six card major suit.

Bournemouth
Orchestra: Light
Music

8.45 a.m.—The BBC Military Band.
9.15 a.m.—Pianoforte Music.
9.30 a.m.—'Let's Go to the Theatre.'
9.50 a.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.
10.25 a.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies

GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (18.93 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.78 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. 'The House in the Country.'
11.30 a.m.—Felton Rapley, at the Organ.
11.50 a.m.—Pianoforte Recital.
12.10 p.m.—'Food for Thought.'
12.30 p.m.—Al Collins and his Dance Orchestra.
1.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (18.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSD 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Empire Orchestra.
3.00 p.m.—'I've Been Told'.
3.15 p.m.—'Robin Hood.' A story of the Middle Ages.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
4.30 p.m.—'The Overcoat'.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSB 9.51 mc/s (31.55 m.)

G.M.T.

8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. 'At the Black Dog.'

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ORIENTAL—"100 Men And A Girl," with Deanna Durbin, Adolphe Menjou and Alice Brady. A comedy drama with music featuring Deanna Durbin and Leopold Stokowski the famous conductor.

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AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Thrill Of A Lifetime", with Eleanore Whitney, Johnny Downs, Yacht Club Boys, Judy Cova and Dorothy Lamour. A brilliant cast of comedy players in a fast moving story of young love done to music and produced on a lavish scale.

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AT THE QUEEN'S—A sparkling love feud in a medieval castle in England forms the background for Fred Astaire latest hit "A Damsel in Distress" written by the World famous humorist P. G. Wodehouse. Beautiful Joan Fontaine, George Burns and Gracie Allen, Reginald Gardiner, Ray Noble, Constance Collier, Harry Watson and Montague Love fill the roles in the supporting cast. This picture is recommended as good clean healthy entertainment.

AT THE KING'S—"Head Over Heels In Love," with Jessie Matthews, Louis Borell, Robert Flemming, Whitney Bourne and a big cast of lovely girls. A gay Parisian romance, with Gordon and Revel song hits, dazzling dances, glittering sets, sparkling comedy and saucy situations.

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"My Man Godfrey," with Carole Lombard and William Powell. A brilliant modern romantic comedy in which Powell has the part of a butler and Carole Lombard the headstrong daughter of the household.

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AT THE STAR—"Super-Sleuth," Ann Sothern and Jack Oakie share the perils that beset them when Oakie a screen sleuth who essays playing detective in real life, is trapped in a chamber of horrors by a maniac killer, who seeks to end his activities. The picture is a mystery-comedy melodrama combination, with a background of picture-making in the screen capitol.


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NATIONAL MOBILISATION BILL HURRY

Tokyo, To-day. Eager to submit the National Mobilisation Bill to the Diet early next week, Government officials engaged in the business of preparing legislation, are speeding preparation of the draft Bill, it is learned in official quarters.

Government officials are understood to be making efforts to have the measure given approval without delay by both Houses of Parliament after its purposes have been fully explained.

One point in the Bill which has been the subject of much discussion relates to its scheme of application as described in the words: "In time of war or incident."

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The general opinion is that the word "incident" is far too ambiguous and the phrase has been changed to "In time of war including an incident corresponding to war."

In view of the fact that the measure will be subject to amendment by the political parties before its presentation to the Diet, it is expected that it will be certain of passage in the current session. — Reuter.

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Determined Chinese Attempt To Take Fuyang

Shanghai, To-day.

A determined attempt to capture the walled city of Fuyang, twenty miles to the south-west of Hangchow, is being made by Chinese troops. In the past 48 hours, the Chinese forces have made three attempts to break through the town's defences, but each time they have been driven back by concentrated heavy artillery fire.

The Japanese were at one time in a tight corner, but the timely arrival of reinforcements, together with planes which bombed the Chinese positions, saved a difficult situation.

Chinese reports state that both sides suffered heavy casualties during the fighting. An almost continuous artillery duel is in progress and the Chinese troops are being reinforced for a further assault on the town.—Reuter.

ANOTHER CANARD REFUTED

Rumours circulated in the Colony this morning to the effect that His Excellency Dr. H. H. Kung, Premier and Finance Minister of the Republic of China, had tendered his resignation, were emphatically denied by quarters closely connected with Dr. Kung, when enquiries were made by the "China Mail."

MR. R.A.C. NORTH ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY

Consequent on the departure of the Honourable Mr. N. L. Smith, C.M.G., as a representative of the Hong Kong Government at the opening ceremony of the Singapore Naval Base, His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. R. A. C. North to act as Colonial Secretary during the absence from the Colony of Mr. N. L. Smith and Mr. W. J. Carrie to act as Secretary for Chinese Affairs vice Mr. R. A. C. North.

POKFULAM ROAD INCIDENT

A fine of \$25 was imposed on Mr. P. B. Jackson of the Dairy Farm Co., at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he was found guilty of driving a motor cycle without due care and caution in Pokfulam Road on January 26.

Mrs. E. H. Williams, complainant, said defendant came out of the gate at the Daily Farm, unexpectedly at a high speed in front of her car, and caused her to pull up smartly.

COLONIAL OFFICE APPOINTMENT

London, To-day. Mr. G. D. Owen, Colonial Secretary, Barbados has been selected as Colonial Secretary, British Guiana, succeeding Mr. E. J. W. Waddington, appointed Governor of Barbados.—British Wireless.

It is learned that Sir Geoffrey Northcote is giving a short broadcast talk over Z.B.W. on Tuesday next at 7.45 p.m.

Mrs. D. A. Murdoch, of Magazine Gap Road, lost her handbag and money to the value of \$25, between the Sincere Co. and the Wing On Company yesterday.

His Excellency the Governor will be present at the Reception which is being given by the Acting Consul-General of the Netherlands in honour of the birth of a Daughter to Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands.

The new British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Kerr, K.C.M.G., and Lady Kerr are expected to arrive by the "Kaisar-i-Hind" on Thursday next and have been invited to stay at Government House. An official dinner will be given for them on Thursday evening.

STOP PRESS

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Tokyo, To-day. It was indicated this morning that the replies to the naval notes of Britain, France and the United States may now be delayed for several days, although it is emphasised that this does not mean a change of Japan's attitude. Reports from London to the Navy Office are stated to convey the belief that in the absence of Japan's revelation of her building programme, Britain and America will build 43,000-ton ships with 16-inch guns and 45,000-ton ships with 18-inch guns.—Our Own Correspondent.

Tokyo, To-day. Japanese newspapers publish reports from Hong Kong alleging the passage through the Colony at the end of January of an enormous quantity of machine-guns of the Bren type and ammunition from Czechoslovakia.—Our Own Correspondent.

Peiping, To-day. It was officially announced by Mr. Wang Keh-min, the head of the Peiping "provision government," that a loan of \$12,500,000 has been negotiated with a Japanese banking syndicate in connection with the proposed new Reserve Bank. The contract was signed yesterday afternoon.—Our Own Correspondent.

Hankow, To-day. It is definitely confirmed that a complete agreement has been reached settling the Szechuan difficulty. General Chang Chun will now proceed to Szechuan assured of welcome.—Our Own Correspondent.

Canton, To-day. Two Japanese planes were reported flying over areas in Fatshan, Kiuksiang and Shumshui this morning, but no bombs were dropped.—Our Own Correspondent.

Hankow, To-day. According to vernacular reports from Shanghai, a section of a Japanese artillery unit stationed near the Purple Mountain revolted last night resulting in the deaths of over 70 before they surrendered.

The trouble is stated to have been due to a disagreement over rations.

They resisted arrest for half an hour.—Our Own Correspondent.

Canton, To-day. Mr. Tseng Yang-fu, Mayor of Canton and Commissioner of Finance, has announced that the tax on imported luxuries will shortly be increased to raise additional funds for the defence of China. Increased tax will be imposed on cosmetics and on things which are not necessities.—Our Own Correspondent.

Reports, which up to the time of going to press could not be confirmed, state that the Canton authorities have decided to open the boom at the mouth of the Pearl River next Tuesday.

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